



Mountain Views News

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Duarte

Monrovia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

VOLUME 9 NO. 50

SIERRA MADRE CANDLELIGHT WALK DECEMBER 20TH 7:00 PM

"And God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light."

As fall fades to those icy desires of winter the season of Christmas reminds us of that glorious light who entered the world.

Every generation has symbols, seasons and occurrences to promote those precious windows of time, and it is during these immortal moments of inspiration that we are authored in the nobility of heaven.

The Sierra Madre "Candlelight Walk" is a holiday island within that great Season of Celebration. Whether in the spring of life or the winter of reflection the candlelight procession will awaken the spirit of emotion in the charitable birth

of a child.

The Candlelight Walk is held each Christmas season to celebrate the journey Joseph and Mary made to Bethlehem where Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago. With "Mary and Joseph" leading the way, the procession will begin at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Sierra Madre, accompanied by participants holding candles and singing traditional Christmas carols. The procession will end at Kersting Court in the center of town where the Christmas story will be read from the Scriptures.

The event begins at St. Rita traveling down Baldwin to Kersting Court. It is recommended to arrive at 6:45p.m., as the walk will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

HAPPY 100TH ADIE GENEVA MENTZER!

Adelaide (Adie) Geneva Mentzer was born in Pittsburgh, Penn in 1915. She was one of 8 children born to German Catholic parents. She married Warren Marshall in 1940 at the age of 25 and had the first six of their nine children; Trudy, Paul, Connie, Jacquie, Warren Jr (Rocky) and Marianne, in that order. They moved to Sierra Madre, California in 1954 and had three more children, Linda, Betty Jeanne and Audrey, in that order.

She had a busy, active life between her kids and activities. She always enjoyed playing bridge weekly with her girls club and often played card games with her children and grandchildren, which she still does today. She also played the organ and piano regularly throughout her life. She was a dedicated parishioner to St. Rita's Church in Sierra Madre for over 60 years. All her children and some of her grandchildren attended school at St. Rita's and her daughters were all married at the church.

She was fortunate enough to celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary with Bud, however, he passed away one month before their 55th Anniversary in 1995. She loved him dearly and always said, I got a great guy and he was the only guy for me.

She had a total of 10 children, 9 survived birth, and 24 grandchildren. To date, she has 40 great grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter who will be almost 2-years old. There are still several grandchildren who have not had kids yet and the greats are just starting to have kids. The



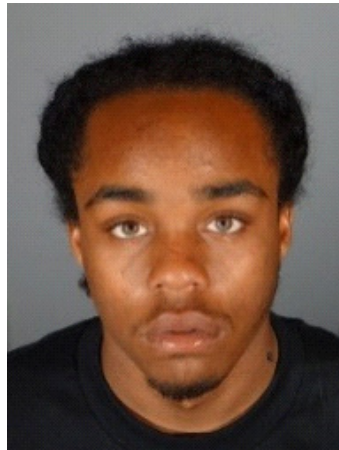
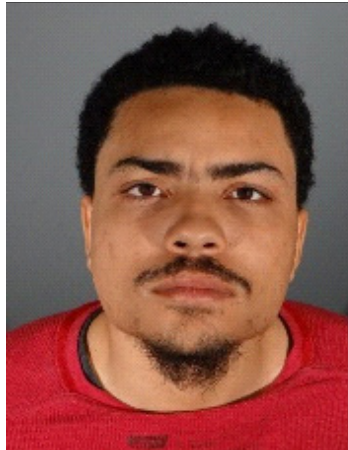
Marshall's are an ever-growing family, totaling approximately 70+ at this time.

She still lives in the house in Sierra Madre.

BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR BEST BUY PHARMACY BREAK IN

Early Sunday morning, December 6, 2015, an alert Sierra Madre resident reported suspicious activity to the rear of the businesses on Montecito Court. The 3:00 AM call raised the awareness of the responding officers after a recent burglary at the pharmacy located on north Baldwin.

Responding officers saw a vehicle driving



out of the area as they arrived. Officers continued to the rear of the businesses and located two suspects attempting to break into the rear door of the pharmacy. The suspect fled on foot. While the two suspects fled, the vehicle returned to the area. The driver was detained and eventually taken into custody.

Police units from Arcadia and Monrovia Police Departments arrived to assist Sierra Madre's units. Another alert citizen spotted one suspect hiding in her side yard and called the police department. The suspect was taken into custody. The third suspect had taken refuge on the roof of the Bean Town Coffee House and when the assisting units arrived, jumped off the roof in an attempt to flee the area. He was quickly taken into custody after fracturing his leg from the fall.

Due to the alert citizens of Sierra Madre, the quick police response, and the help from our neighboring police agencies, these criminals were taken into custody with no loss of property to the pharmacy, which had been victimized by burglaries in the past. Further investigation by SMPD Detectives revealed that these suspects had burglarized other businesses outside of Sierra Madre earlier that morning.

Director of Public Safety, Chief Larry Giannone, stated "The motto of See Something, Say Something works. This was a great team effort by the alert citizens and police officers to put these criminals back behind bars."

Lebron and Brooks were booked at the Pasadena Jail for suspicion of commercial burglary and possession of stolen property. Shaw was booked at the LACO USC Medical Center on the same charges. The three suspects reside in Long Beach. Bail for all three was set at \$20,000.

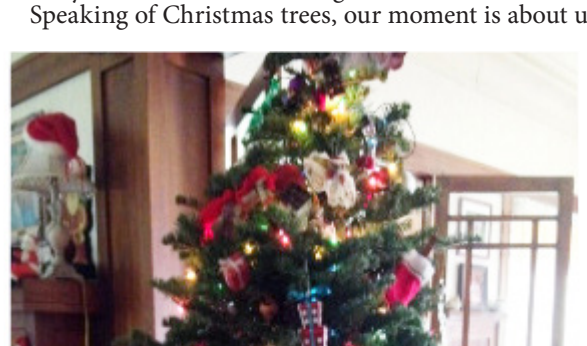
All three suspects are out on bail and due back in court at the end of December.

Anyone that may have witnessed this incident or has any additional information are urged to contact the Sierra Madre Police Department at 626 355-1414.

Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

Walking through Kersting Court, admiring our really handsome Christmas tree, the menorah and Nativity scene, checking out the windows at Savor the Flavor and Leonora Moss will definitely get you into the Christmas spirit. Our light posts are garlanded, parking lots are full, we've all survived Black Friday and now Christmas is everywhere. If it weren't 80 degrees, we'd almost think it was winter.



Speaking of Christmas trees, our moment is about upon us, when it's time to trim the tree. Lovingly, we unearth all the boxes of Christmas stuff, try to remember what we did last year with the manger scene that made it look so sweetly reverent, promise ourselves we're not going to do so much this year, and then put up more than ever before.

There's no way we can't put out all the Christmas goodies the children made in Sunday School through the years; the little hands pressed into plaster of paris, the pictures mounted in bread dough frames, the miniature red felt stockings with family names in glitter, the red globes that date from the beginning of our marriage, which are cracked and crazed (as is, occasionally, our marriage), but precious in our sight. And the lights. Even though you carefully put each string

in a separate Ziploc bag, the little stinkers are still tangled. And the string you didn't test before you put it on the tree doesn't work, causing you to want to say unpleasant things.

Yep, it's two weeks before Christmas. The beautiful real tree that smells so fresh and forest-y that you want to bury your face in it is in the house in the time-honored Christmas tree spot. It's time to decorate. The family scatters like roaches when the light is turned on, and you and Tree find yourselves alone, even though you made cookies to convince everyone how much fun this is going to be. This intimate moment deserves a small celebration. It's definitely time to make Eggnog! Look through any Christmas Cookbook and you'll find Eggnog, all right, the

Victorian version requiring way too much labor, and you've already got the labor ahead of you: Tree, Naked.

Here's your traditional Eggnog: Beat yolks and whites of 8 eggs separately. Add 1/2 lb. sugar to whites, beat until stiff. Add beaten yolks to whites, mix until blended. Beat in 2 jiggers Rum. Add 1 bottle (4/5 qt.) Whiskey. Beat mixture. Add 1 pint heavy cream. 1 quart of milk. Mix. Chill well. Grate nutmeg over top. Serve. Seriously? A bottle of whiskey?? Make this and Tree will still be naked tomorrow and you'll have a headache!

Here's a much easier, kinder, gentler version:

1. Buy a carton of prepared low-fat eggnog right out of the dairy case at your favorite market.
2. Put a tray of ice cubes in your blender.
3. Fill the blender two thirds full of eggnog mix.
4. Add a half cup of rum, brandy, or a little of both to the blender (or more, or less, depending on how annoyed you are).
5. Blend until ice is pleasantly crunchified.
6. Pour into a large, beautiful, stemmed glass. Grate fresh nutmeg over top.
7. Sit down and admire Tree, while enjoying eggnog.
8. Realize that peace reigns now that family has scattered to unknown destinations.
9. Put on the Christmas CD that YOU like. the one that has (Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer) on it, if that's your cup of eggnog. Or maybe Andrea Bocelli's "My Christmas" if you're feeling a little more classical.
10. Relax. Breathe. Allow joy to flood your heart, soul and mind.
11. Plug in the first string of lights and think about that first Christmas night, that first Light.
12. Rejoice! Peace on Earth, Good Will To Men!
13. Know in your heart that Tree will be the most beautiful one ever!
14. Invite friends and family over to share your eggnog and admire Tree.

"On a night like this, centuries ago,
A brilliant star rose in the East,
To show the Wise Men where to go.
They set out on a journey,
To find an unknown King.
Their hearts were filled with happiness
And praises they would sing!"

("A Night Like This" from "Star of Wonder - A Christmas Musical"
Book & Lyrics by Deanne Davis, Music by David Wheatley)
My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

Blog: www.authordeanne.com

"Tablespoon of Love, Tablespoon of Laughter" is available there...

Christmas is coming! You'll need gifts!



Family owned, AAHA
certified Animal Hospital
& Boarding Facility for
Dogs, Cats, Rabbits,
Guinea Pigs, Rats, Mice,
Turtles and Tortoises.

Come see our facility
any time without an
appointment!

Dr. Gueniat
with Teddie



www.MonroviaPet.com
626.358.1146



Boarding is Veterinary Super-
vised at all times. We offer large
indoor runs with natural
daylight, 3-4 daily outdoor play
times on real grass, and quality
Royal Canin prescription food.
Your Pet will receive the same
personal attention and care we
would expect if boarding our
own pets. Feline guests have
their own feline-friendly board-
ing area. We offer soothing spa
treatments, nail trims and other
grooming services while your pet
is visiting.



Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Mon:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Tues:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
6:30 pm

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO &
Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia. Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

December 8, 2015 - 6:30 pm



The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "10/13/2015" for the complete agenda packet.

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 7:00pm
Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:00pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, December 21, 2015, 6:30pm
Community Services Committee Meeting

Planning & Community Preservation and Public Works
Service Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 2:00pm

Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-7135

SIERRA MADRE 2015 HOLIDAY
CLOSURE SCHEDULE

Sierra Madre, CA. - December 9, 2015 - Sierra Madre City Hall will be closed beginning at 12:30pm on December 24, 2015 reopening on January 4, 2016. The Sierra Madre Public Library will close at 2:00pm and the Hart Park House Senior Center will close at 2:30pm on December 24th and will also reopen on January 4, 2016. Administrative service workers, with the exception of emergency personnel, will be off-duty in observance of the upcoming holiday season.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the City's online services during this period. Many of the services performed at City Hall, including payments and applications, are also available online through the City's website. Residents can conveniently manage their water bill, register for Community Services activities, reserve public facilities, check out online library books, and apply for select permits without interruption this holiday season.

All City offices and buildings will resume normal business hours on Monday, January 4, 2016.

For more information about online services, please visit the City's website at: www.cityofsierramadre.com.

Vintage Treasures Arcadia
340 East Foothill Boulevard
Arcadia, CA 91006
Located at Foothill and Fifth
Parking in the rear

Vintage jewelry, hats,
clothing from all eras,
furnishings and artwork.

Repurpose Refashion

Phone: 626.386.5315

Open 6 days a week.
Consignment available.

Email inquires - vintagetreasures340@outlook.com

Facebook www.facebook.com/vintage340
Twitter @340vintagetreas

Please visit our blog for information on the store and products!
vintagetreasures340.wordpress.com

9 Kersting Court Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
626-355-1180

EXTRAORDINARY
CUSTOM FLORAL
ARRANGEMENTS

Come join us.

Breakfast created by Chef Mario

We have fun and dynamic speakers each week.
Rotary is differing occupations, cultures, and countries,
which gives Rotary a unique perspective.

Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable.
We see differently.
We apply leadership expertise to social issues and find unique solutions.
We act responsibly and create lasting change.
We make a difference at home and around the world.

For more info go to FB or Meetup.

The Hart Park House
222 W. Sierra Madre Bl.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.



SIRRA FILTRATION SERVICES
Professional Water Filtration & Service

Got Orange Water?
We Can HELP!

We specialize in commercial and residential
water conditioning and filtration systems.

We offer whole house & point of use filtration systems
that can address any concerns you have about your
water quality, taste, odor & color.

We also offer commercial systems that can improve
equipment function & greatly decrease the possibility
of expensive repairs and down time.

Free Estimates 1(800) 951-Filter or 714-878-5125

SHARE SOME
GOOD NEWS!

"The Kindness of Strangers" feature encourages readers to share their stories. I can assure you, they will be uplifting especially in contrast to all the the challenges and issues we have to deal with daily. So, if you have something you would like to share, please submit it to: editor@mtnviewsnews.com. It doesn't matter where you were or when it happened. Share your good experiences in hope that it might bring a little joy and/or inspire someone.

-Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher MVNews

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, November 29th, to Sunday, December 6th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 252 calls for service.

Tuesday, December 1st

At 7:28 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 600 block of Woodland Dr regarding a theft report. The victim informed Officers that he had recently ordered a laptop and had been tracking the order for several days. While the victim was at school, he received notification from the delivery service that the laptop had been delivered to his home but when he arrived home later that day he could not locate the package. When he victim called and contacted the delivery service, they stated the package was delivered to his home and signed for by initials the man did not recognize. The estimated loss of value was \$1500. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Thursday, December 3rd

At 12:31 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 200 block of Jameson Ct regarding a theft from a vehicle. Upon arrival the victim informed Officers that while he was mowing the lawn of the residence he was working at, he noticed a grey colored vehicle stopped next to his truck that was parked on the street. The victim continued to mow the lawn and shortly after noticed someone standing next to his truck, so the man began to walk toward his truck to investigate and the grey car suddenly drove away. When the man approached his truck he realized several pieces of equipment were missing and notified police. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Saturday, December 5th

At 10:35 pm, Sierra Madre Police were patrolling the area of Foothill Blvd and Michillinda Ave when they noticed a vehicle driving with a broken passenger headlight. Officers initiated a traffic stop and upon making contact with the drivers, they smelled a strong odor of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle stated he did not have a valid driver's license and the passenger stated he was on parole and did not have any identification. Both men consented to a search and Officers discovered marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia on the men. A vehicle search uncovered several bags from a local grocery store containing numerous bottles of liquor with the security device still on them, as well as various other items. When Officers questioned the men about the items found in the vehicle, they stated they were only dropping of the car who belonged to a friend and the items in the car were already there when they picked it up. Both men were arrested for various charges and the vehicle was towed. A follow up with the local grocery store revealed the men had been to the store earlier that night and stole the merchandise amounting to a total of over \$600. This case has been forwarded to the Detective bureau and District Attorneys office.

WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES

Disposal of Bulky and Hard To Handle Items

Athens Services encourages reuse and donation of bulky items whenever possible. Bulky waste includes large items that do not fit into barrels or bins such as: water heaters, furnaces, bed springs, mattresses, dressers, couches, washers, dryers, stoves, tables, chairs, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, or patio furniture. These items are to be placed at the curbside (not in the street) for pick-up on your regular trash collection day.

To schedule a pick up please call Athens Services at (855) 557-1007.
VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE REMOVE OR SECURE ALL APPLIANCE DOORS TO PROTECT CHILDREN.

Christmas Tree Recycling

TREES are 100% recyclable!

Athens Services collects holiday trees on your normal pickup days from the day after Christmas through the second week of January each year. Trees are delivered to various landfills to be used as mulch or cover material, or to Athens American Organics composting facility in Victorville.

Tips to ensure collection of your Christmas tree:

- Remove stands, ornaments, lights and tinsel. Place Christmas trees next to your regular trash containers. Trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half. Trees with flocking or fire retardants ARE acceptable.
- If you miss the date for recycling, please cut up your tree and place it in your yard waste container(s).
- Please help keep our parks clean and safe during the holidays. If you see anyone illegally dumping Christmas trees in city parks, please call the Sierra Madre Police Department.

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY EVENTS

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

The Library Board of Trustees will meet for a special meeting on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00PM in City Hall Council Chambers. The Wednesday, December 23 meeting has been cancelled.

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Read and discuss your favorite book on Thursday, December 17 at 11:00AM.

MAKE YOUR OWN MINI ROSE FLOAT

"Find Your Adventure" at our annual Mini Rose Float building on Monday, December 21 at 11:00AM. Open to children of all ages.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Teen Book Club on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00PM. December's book is Shadow & Bone by Leigh Bardugo.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join preschool children and their parents and caregivers for stories, songs, puppets, and crafts on Mondays at 10:00AM and Wednesdays at 7:00PM.

BABY RHYME TIME

Designed just for babies and their caregivers, this fun program introduces children from birth to age 2, to songs and stories. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00AM.

THE SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB

A PROUD MEMBER OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL SINCE 1927.
THAT'S 85 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE!

WE MEET WEEKLY AT THE LODGE (FORMERLY THE MASONIC TEMPLE) AT 33 E. SIERRA MADRE BLVD.
MEETINGS ARE EACH TUESDAY AT NOON,
EXCEPT FOR THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.
WHEN WE MEET AT 7:45AM. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
JOIN US, MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, HELP YOUR COMMUNITY,
AND HAVE SOME FUN!

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!
Call Patricia at 626-818-2698 Today!

SIERRA MADRE

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

SIERRA MADRE BLVD. SHOPS

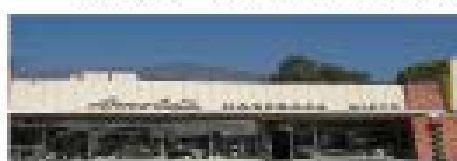


The Bottle Shop
58 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre
626-355-1262
Testing Room open Wed. Thru Sat.

ev80 floral design
Kari Feng
Tel: 626-566-0366
ev80floral@gmail.com
www.ev80floral.net
135 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Do the things you like, even at the age of 80!
www.ev80floral.net

Arnold's Hardware Frontier Hardware Co.

SIERRA MADRE 297 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-3345
DUARTE 2137 Huntington Dr., Duarte, CA 91010 (626) 357-8773



Hours of Operation
Monday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

DOG WASH AMERICA
GROOMING FOR DOGS AND CATS
SPA PACKAGES
626-836-0701

"If It's Glass We Fix It"

SIERRA GLASS & MIRROR CO.

One of the Most Complete Glass Companies Anywhere

- Free Estimates
- High Rise Replacement
- Shower Fronts
- Windows, Alarms, & Wood
- PRISM Doors
- Shower & Tub Enclosures
- Mirrors (All Types)
- Window Doors
- Paint Crystal Repair
- Laminated Glass Repairs
- Tempered Safety Glass
- Thermal Insulated Glass
- Wire Glass
- Window & Plain Glass
- Bowled Glass
- Picture Glass
- Decorative Glass
- Table Tops 1/2" - 1"

License #527219

Showers, Mirrors, Monofronts

(626) 355-3407 | (626) 795-4201 | Fax (626) 355-8396
247 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. | Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Brown's Classic Interiors

Designs For Your Taste

64 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Fax (626) 836-1258

Dee Walker
(626) 355-2742

Lashes

Believe in the power of small changes

Call, Click or Come In
626.355.5507

www.butterflyeffectdayspa.com

370 W. Sierra Madre SUITE F
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024



butterfly effect
DAY SPA
est. 2004 (open 2005)

Century 21 VILLAGE REALTY

38 W Sierra Madre Bl, Sierra Madre
www.c21village.com
626.355.1451

Serving the Community since 1986

www.facebook.com/c21village

Century 21 Real Estate LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated

City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1372

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15.30 (GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS) BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 15.30.040 ("WATER METERING FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS") REQUIRING THAT ALL MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS CONSTRUCTED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016 BE PROVIDED WITH INDIVIDUAL METERED WATER SERVICES

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of drought emergency in the State of California due to current drought conditions in the state; and
WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation called upon all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and
WHEREAS, on July 8, 2014 the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre declared a water shortage emergency and initiated Phase III water conservation measures; and
WHEREAS, the California State Water Resources Control Board has adopted Emergency Regulation Article X ("Prohibition of Activities and Mandatory Actions During Drought Emergency") pursuant to its authority under Water Code Section 1058.5; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Sierra Madre to enact similar prohibitions in order to comply with state law; WHEREAS, the State of California has established a water conservation goal for the City of Sierra Madre of reducing the City's water consumption by 32 percent as measured against the same period in 2013; and
WHEREAS, in spite of prior efforts to do so, the City has been unsuccessful in meeting the conservation goal as set by the State; and
WHEREAS, a means of identification of high water users residing in multi-family dwellings is necessary to ensure fair and reasonable enforcement of water use restrictions; and
WHEREAS, the City Council does further find that in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations, the adoption of local amendments to the California Building Standards Code, and amending the Sierra Madre Municipal Code are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW THEREFORE,

SECTION 1: Municipal Code Amendment. Section 15.30.040 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows: 15.30.040 Water Metering for Multi-family Dwellings. The 2013 California Green Buildings Standards Code is hereby amended by adopting the requirement that all multi-family dwellings constructed after January 1, 2016 shall be equipped with an individual water meter for each unit, with each meter being assigned a separate water account with the City. This requirement applies to all R-2, R-3, and R-H structures as defined in Municipal Code Chapters 17.24, 17.28, and 17-29 respectively.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause and phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption if passed and adopted by a four-fifths vote of the City Council, pursuant to Government Code Section 36937 (b).

SECTION 4. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner prescribed by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of December, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor John Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and John Harabedian
NOES: NONE



PRESENTS A HOLIDAY TEA WITH SANTA



Along with the interactive mystery

"HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

Saturday December 19th 11am & 2:30pm

Call for Reservations 626-355-0045

75 N Baldwin Ave Sierra Madre CA 91024

Find us on: facebook. facebook.com/TheFourSeasonsTeaRoom

Awash in Watercolor

with Julie Crouch, Faeling Lin, Pete Morris,
Richard Scott, and Joseph Stoddard

Wednesdays, 1/27, 2/17, 3/2, 3/16, & 3/30, 7:00-10:00 p.m.



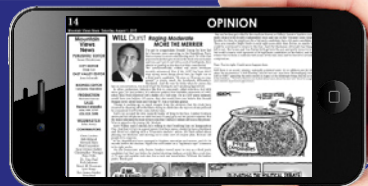
Creative Arts Group

108 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre 626.355.8350
Register now: www.creativeartsgroup.org

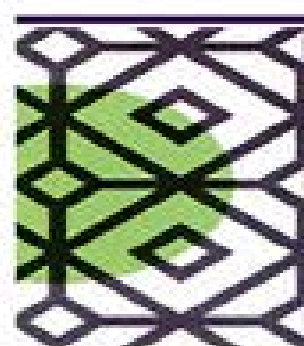
facebook "Creative Arts Group Sierra Madre"

VISIT US
ONLINE

www.mtnviewsnews.com



THE SHOPS ON BALDWIN IN SIERRA MADRE



CAPELLI COURT SALON
51 N Baldwin Ave.
Sierra Madre CA 91024

Ester Goren
Stylist - Owner
capellicourt@yahoo.com
626-836-1242

facebook.com/capelli.court



Sheila Vietro, Agent, Lic. #0589790

19 Suffolk Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Bus 626 355 1485 Toll Free 800 585 5662
Fax 626 355 3308
caitlin.perreira.rtkf@statefarm.com
sheila.vietro.bts6@statefarm.com

The greatest compliment you can give is a referral.

LES CHAMPS ELYSEES

Clothing & Accessories for Women & Men

In the Historical Hotel Shirley 26 N. BALDWIN www.thechamps-elysees.com



Now Offering Gourmet Burgers

• Coffee • Conversation • Community

45 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 / T: (626) 355-1898



GYM (626)836-1236
PILATES (626)836-2000

PRO PILATES
PERSONAL TRAINING
FULL FITNESS FACILITY



www.SierraFit.com



CASA DEL REY - SIERRA MADRE

Family Owned Since 1972 - Originally located in Temple City

31 N. Baldwin Ave.

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

626-355-6060

www.casadelreynrestaurant.com



**HAND SELECTED &
UNIQUELY HANDMADE GIFTS**

55 N. Baldwin Ave.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
626-355-0200 info@bellesnest.com

RUIZ SHOE REPAIR

EST 1954



COMPLETE LEATHER, SHOE,
PURSE, LUGGAGE, SADDLE
REPAIR & RESTORATION

23 NORTH BALDWIN AVENUE
SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024
(626) 355-8111

SHOE
HEELS
ORTHOPEDIC
ADJUSTMENT
DYEING
RE-STYLING
LUGGAGE
REPAIR
PURSE
REPAIR &
SADDLE
SERVICES



East Montecito Avenue Design District

Art, Design, Floral, Film, Music, Picture Framing, Pet grooming,
On one avenue - "East Montecito Avenue" at Baldwin, Sierra Madre CA

LADISLAV CZERNEK FURNITURE

Euro-American design and craftsmanship, serving 31 years LA/NYC
Arts & Crafts • Victorian • Modern • Custom cabinetry
epochstudio@earthlink.net, Images: Google+ Ladislav Czernek

213.253.8958

47112 East Montecito Ave. Sierra Madre



SIERRA FITNESS PILATES
51 East Montecito Avenue Sierra Madre, CA 91024
(626) 836-2000 (Pilates) (626) 836-1236 (Gym)
www.sierrafit.com

AKA Fotografix LLC
Custom Framing, Fine Art, Photography,
& Portraiture.

Gallery & Studio : 39-41 East Montecito
Sierra Madre CA 91024
Andrew Kasiske, Photographer
626.862.8946

Julia Rocks Skincare Studio

Facials, Waxing
Permanent Makeup

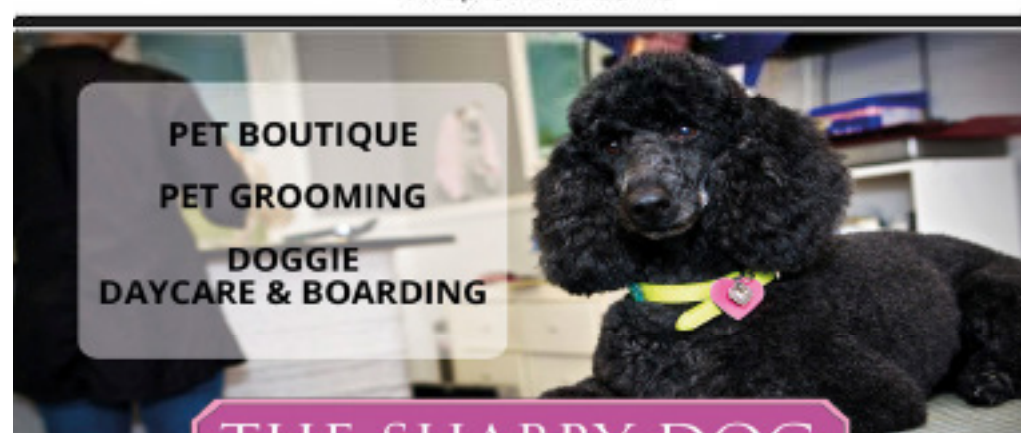


61 E. Montecito Ave. Sierra Madre CA 91024 (626) 836-6522 www.juliarocks.net



Children's Activity Center
41 1/2 E. Montecito Ave, Sierra Madre

www.kidzcottage.org | 626-863-0805
Legos-Wii-Playhouse-Games-Movie Nights-Much More!!
**Drop off Welcome



PET BOUTIQUE
PET GROOMING
DOGGIE
DAYCARE & BOARDING

THE SHABBY DOG



www.TheShabbyDog.com
31 E. Montecito Avenue, Sierra Madre (626) 836-5452

East Montecito Avenue Design District

Art, Design, Floral, Film, Music, Picture Framing, Pet grooming,

CARTER PLAZA MERCHANTS
38 E. Montecito - Sierra Madre

State Farm



Charles Martin, Agent

38 E Montecito, Suite 3

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

626-606-3600

charlesismyagent.com

Designers, makers, restorers & teachers of fine stained glass windows



Susan Wallis
Custom stained and leaded glass

38 E. Montecito Ave. #7
Sierra Madre CA 91024
Madre 910 91

Est. 1946



WoodHill Designs
Michael Hill

Fine furniture: Original
designs and reproductions
of the Arts & Crafts and
Greene & Greene era

38 E Montecito #6
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
(626) 423-2639
woodhilldesigns@yahoo.com

ROCKIN' ROLLERS

Music Lessons From The Heart... Not The Book!
uke, guitar, bass, piano, drums, rockband n' songwriting classes
First Lesson FREE w/ ad www.RockinRollersUSA.com (626) 355-0101
First 5 to respond this month 38 E. Montecito Ave, Suite #10, Sierra Madre

Sean Paul
Insurance Agency

Ca Lic #0626852

Ed McFaul

ed.mcfaul@gmail.com

38 E. Montecito #12

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

P. 626-733-4191 F. 626- 355-3668



Sierra Madre
ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Free Exam!

For New Clients

Bring this coupon to save

(Expires 12/31/15)

Walter Cailleteau, DVM

927 N. Michillinda Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91107

(626) 351-8863



SCAG DEALS FURTHER BLOW TO SR-710 TUNNEL PROJECT BY DELETING REFERENCES FROM DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Change in regional transportation policy opens the way for a better approach to mobility in the western San Gabriel Valley

December 8, 2015 -- The Southern California Association of Governments on Thursday overwhelmingly approved a draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that deletes all references to the SR-710 tunnel and instead defers an alternative recommendation to the outcome of the ongoing Caltrans/Metro SR-710 North EIR/EIS process. The development marks continuing progress for those who oppose a SR-710 freeway tunnel project and instead favor replacing the tunnel with a great streets, multi-modal approach. The approval opened a 55-day review period for the RTP and related review documents.

"I applaud SCAG for recognizing that the tunnel no longer is seen as a likely answer to western San Gabriel Valley mobility issues," said Jonathan Curtis, a member of the SCAG Regional Council and the Mayor pro Tem of the City of La Cañada Flintridge. "The tunnel is an idea whose time has passed. We look forward to promoting a solution to these issues with our Beyond the 710 proposal."

The SCAG action follows a series of other victories for anti-tunnel forces. Earlier this year, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments approved a transportation priority list that omitted the tunnel, admitting that that the proposed SR-710 tunnel suffers from so much opposition that inclusion of the controversial freeway in a proposed county-wide sales measure would doom it to defeat. In addition, the Beyond the 710 proposal was announced in May of this year and quickly attracted support from many elected officials and organizations.

"As a family physician, I am deeply concerned about the negative health effects a 710 freeway extension would create for many communities if it went forward," said Dr. Marina Khubesrian, South Pasadena councilmember, chair of Arroyo Verdugo Steering Committee, and vice chair of Beyond the 710. "We are very grateful for the Regional Council's decision to not include references to the SR-710 tunnel, which can clear the way for more holistic proposals like Beyond the 710."

The Tunnel alternative is not only facing major political opposition, the EIR/EIS process currently underway has revealed that the tunnel alternative would not achieve its two major justifications: improving congestion and reaching air quality goals. In fact, the draft EIR/EIS shows that congestion improvement would be minor, that it would not address the local traffic that clogs local streets, and that it would actually worsen air quality. Both the U.S. EPA and the Southern California AQMD have described the EIR/EIS as inadequate. The tunnel alternative also presents significant problems in the area of historic resources, geology, and financing, among many others.

"I commend the Regional Council for their promoting of 21st century mobility concepts and sustainability strategies, including recommending more resources for transit in the new draft Regional Transportation Plan," said Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena councilwoman and the city's representative to the San Gabriel Valley COG. "However, I would recommend that the RTP devote even more resources for transit and other alternatives to driving. We need to continue with modern mobility solutions, and reject out-moded thinking such as calling for new freeways, especially the SR-710 tunnel project. The \$1 billion 405 freeway project provides ample evidence that expanding freeways fail to alleviate congestion; scarce transit funds would be better spent on developing our transit and active transportation systems."

Senator Carol Liu also presented a statement through her district representative Daniel Cedeno encouraging the Regional Council to release the draft RTP for public review and to maintain the new neutral approach to the SR-710 north alternatives.

Congressman Adam Schiff also presented a statement through Michael Aguilera criticizing the SR-710 alternatives being studied by Caltrans and promoting alternatives not currently being studied. Congressman Schiff is a supporter of the Beyond the 710 Proposal.

The Beyond the 710 Proposal shows that congestion can be relieved and economic development promoted by removing the freeway stubs at both the I-10 and I-210 freeways. The Proposal has started a robust community discussion about how to bring about a mobility solution that benefits everyone and destroys no one's community. The Proposal can be found at <http://bit.ly/1hk0o9u>.

About Beyond the 710

Beyond the 710 is a project of the Connected Cities and Communities, comprised of the cities of Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena, as well as the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Beyond the 710's Plan is the result of many months of study and collaboration to seek solutions that work for all the affected communities. The effort was led by Nelson/Nygaard, a full-service transportation firm, with offices across the United States, committed to developing transportation systems that promote vibrant, sustainable, and accessible communities.

An Economic Benefits analysis led by The Maxima Group LLC, a principal-led consulting firm specializing in real estate market and economic analysis, is located at www.beyondthe710.org/smart_growth.

ANTONOVICH HIGHLIGHTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, COOPERATION AND REFORM

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — In his final speech as Mayor of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich discussed the year's successes. He expressed his appreciation for incoming Chair Hilda L. Solis, his colleagues on the Board, and county departments who have built upon past achievements to improve and enhance foster care, public safety, municipal services, government, interdepartmental communication transparency and accountability.

"This has been a very exciting year. We hit the ground running and we haven't stopped. This was the first time in Los Angeles County history where we began the year with two new supervisors--Supervisor Hilda Solis and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, a new sheriff Jim McDonnell, a new tax assessor Jeffrey Prang and Mary Wickham, our new County Counsel. Additionally, our new CEO Sachi A. Hamai has rapidly responded to reforms critically needed to improve the quality of life for our residents. Under Sachi's leadership, we repealed the 2007 interim governance structure and eliminated an unnecessary \$2 million bureaucracy established greater accountability, flexibility, transparency, and efficiency.

As far as efficiency is concerned, recommendations by the Quality and Productivity Commission saved the county \$75.3 million this year and \$4 billion in total since 1981. In addition, we established a coordinated health agency to integrate the operations of the departments of health services, mental health, and public health to improve access to care and streamline operations.

We also moved forward with the jail plan, put additional deputies in the unincorporated areas, and we are moving forward with the trafficking issue. District Attorney Jackie Lacey has done a very fine job in this area and we were able to help supplement her in helping victims with their services. We created further savings through an ordinance that allowed us to issue rewards for sex offenders who have absconded while on probation or parole and we increased the number of victim services advocates within the District Attorney's Office.

We successfully executed the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Justice and we expanded necessary programs. For Fire, we leased two additional Super Scoopers once again for a total of four -- and we have the Ericson Air Crane that responds to fires. Our L.A. County Fire Department is one of the best in the world. They are often called to foreign countries to help with tragedies, earthquakes, flooding and tsunamis. We also expanded the public awareness campaign for earthquake and other emergency preparedness.

On children's services, we created the Child Sex Trafficking Integrated Leadership Team and expanded first responders, initiated public outreach campaigns and enhanced the electronic child abuse reporting system between law enforcement and child protective services. The new Office of Child Protection is providing overarching guidance which Judge Michael Nash is now going to be heading when he takes over January.

We advocated state legislation clarifying the prioritization of foster youth for subsidized childcare. We improved training for qualified social workers with a 52-week curriculum that our universities will now implement to upgrade the caliber of social workers coming out of our universities. We also hired additional social workers and support staff.

We also initiated the Career Development Internship Program which provides jobs for former foster youth in partnership with 30 cities, schools and government agencies to provide valuable workforce experience and create a foundation for these young people to succeed.

With Health Services, Mayor Eric Garcetti and I met with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro and with, to discuss solutions to the homelessness problem. And with Supervisor Solis, we entered into an agreement to provide trauma services for the East San Gabriel Valley at the Pomona Valley Hospital.

We implemented Laura's Law to improve the lives of participants who are mentally ill. This will reduce incarceration and homelessness. We transferred the Sheriff's Department's Medical Services Bureau to the Department of Health Services where health, mental health and substance abuse services will be

administered and coordinated through an integrated agency.

In economic development, we created a one-stop permitting center by consolidating regional planning, fire and public health permits at one location. We decentralized the locations of conditional use permit applications to district offices. We supported development efforts with national/international partners, bringing in the successful BYD electric bus manufacturer and rail car manufacturer Kinkisharyo who is building the rail cars for the Gold Line, the Green Line, the Expo Line and the Blue Line that will be coming on shortly.

We continued the procurement process through



technology and e-government, helping small minority enterprises, women-owned, disadvantaged and veteran-owned businesses to be competitive. We altered the list of qualified local workers to automatically include veterans. Veterans need to have that type of opportunity -- it's time we serve them when they come home.

We acquired 27 acres in Chatsworth in Brown's Canyon, preserved for multi-use open space for an equestrian park and acquired acres along Portal Ridge to preserve for public use.

For Animal Services, we expanded the Department of Animal Care and Control broke ground on the new Palmdale Animal Shelter, providing new positions, and expanded Baldwin Park Care Center. We teamed up with NBC4 and Telemundo for the national "Clear the Shelters" initiative to find permanent homes for unwanted pets. We amended Title 10 of the County Code to require mandatory spaying and neutering and micro-chipping of cats in the unincorporated areas of our County. We had a three-month pilot program with reduced adoption fees to help increase the number of animals adopted.

For our veterans, we sponsored the special recognition at the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall honoring our veterans of the Second World War, 70 years after its end. We also did one with China at the auditorium for the men and women who served in the war when the United States and China defeated Japan. The Bob Hope Patriotic Hall is now the largest one-stop center for veterans in the County. We continue to work with veterans to ensure that VA claims are filed properly and lowering average VA wait claim times to less than a month. We created additional employment opportunities for veterans and expanded veteran internships to assist them in their transition to civilian workplace. My office sponsored the 18th Annual Salute to Veterans and their families to provide public outreach, employment opportunities and support and organized free transit passes for veterans on Veterans Day.

The Board was very united in selecting Phil Washington to lead the Metropolitan Transit Authority -- he's a cut above. We completed the extension of the Metro Gold Line on time and on budget and we opened the Gold Line stations at Arcadia, Duarte, Azusa and Monrovia, and a new express bus service which will be linking the Gold, Red and Orange Lines when the Gold Line extension opens in early 2016. We implemented a 25 percent fare reduction on the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line and a second conductor on every Antelope Valley Line for greater fare enforcement and security for passengers. We advanced the High Desert Corridor Project for the environmental impact report in April 2016 and funding for rail revenue and ridership study to support the potential public private partnership.

L.A. County was named one of America's best employers of 2015 by Forbes Magazine. We received the "7 Seals" Award for support of men and women who served in the military. We received the California Employer Advisory Council Veterans Employer of the Year Award for our hiring and promoting of veterans. We also completed the countywide Dependent Eligibility Verification Project. We launched the Financial Wellness Program and created the Departmental Leadership and Development Plan to help guide the department heads to build succession plans. We launched the user-friendly online application system to enhance outreach, expanded the Career Development Intern Program to L.A. County's 88 cities and public and private businesses."

405-417 MARIPOSA AVENUE SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM

Are You Ready For a Lifestyle Lift?

Come experience these BRAND NEW Spanish Colonial townhouses, built by Mur-Sol, in the prized town of Sierra Madre. This stunning intimate complex of 3 bedroom units, each individual in size and floor plan, offer gorgeous white oak floors, high beamed ceilings, casement windows and French doors. Designer granite, marble and stonework. Dream amenities and the highest quality finishes.

PRICED FROM: **\$779,000-\$1,155,000**

www.405-417Mariposa.com

CALL FOR A SHOWING! Cathy Crockett 626.676.1565 | Jacquie Pergola 626.627.4903

SERVING YOU SINCE 1949

GEM PLUMBING

Locally Owned & Operated

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING
SALES, SERVICE & INSTALLATION

FREE ESTIMATES

We Do It All!

COPPER RE-PIPING
FAUCETS | LEAK DETECTION
KITCHEN AND BATH REMODELS
DRAIN AND SEWER CLEANING | WATER
HEATERS | WE TACKLE OLD FIXTURES

Emergency Service Available

355-3496

ALL MAJOR BRANDS

FREE ESTIMATES

140 E. Montecito | Sierra Madre

State Contractor Lic. #111308

- ◆ Art
- ◆ Cards & Stationery
- ◆ Gifts
- ◆ Gourmet
- ◆ Bath & Body
- ◆ Essential Oils
- ◆ Incense
- ◆ Tea
- ◆ UPS shipping

Taste the Holidays at **Hoopla!**

Serving tamales from **El Caporal Mexican Restaurant** on **Small Business Saturday!**

Scott & Lori Webster, Championing local business since 2007

HOOPLA!

AN EMPORIUM OF GOOD THINGS

2591 Fair Oaks Avenue Altadena, CA 91001
626-797-1135 FAX 626-797-5889
ShopAtHoopla@gmail.com **ShopAtHoopla.com**
#howdoyouhoopla

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2015

Police Seek Help to Identify Assault Suspects

Pasadena Police Detectives are asking the public's help identifying the persons responsible for assaulting an elderly man resulting in significant injuries.

On October 13, at approximately 3:30 pm, a 63-year old male was walking with a cane south on the west sidewalk of Lake Ave, north of E. Claremont St. As the elderly victim neared the northwest corner of Claremont St., he saw three individuals on Claremont St. just west of him. For no apparent reason, one of the three individuals approached the victim and shoved him to the ground resulting in the elderly victim sustaining a broken elbow and collarbone. The three suspects then ran west on Claremont Street to an awaiting car. The car drove north on Hudson Ave. out of sight.

The suspect that assaulted the victim was described as a Black male, 25-27 years of age, 6'1", weighing approximately 175 pounds, clean shaven and wearing a blue jersey with a red collar and white lettering on the front, blue pants and a blue baseball cap. A second suspect was described as Black male, 25-27 years of age, and wearing a white t-shirt and red shorts; no further description. A third suspect was described as a Black male, 25-27 years of age, 5'11", 150 pounds, with short twisted dreadlocks and multiple tattoos on his stomach and both arms. He was only wearing gray cut-off sweatpants and his hands were wrapped in white tape (similar to a boxer). The driver was described as a Black male wearing a white T-shirt and white or gray shorts; no further description.

The suspect vehicle is described as a late model silver Toyota Camry or similar.

The investigation is on-going. Anyone with information is asked to contact Pasadena Police Detective David Duran at (626) 744-7113, or the non-emergency number at (626) 744-4241.

Pet of the Week



Ella (A388953) is a sweet and sociable five-year-old, Russian blue mix shorthaired cat. She loves attention and enjoys having her face and chin gently rubbed. If you're looking for a friendly and affectionate couch buddy, you should meet Ella! Ella also qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program which waives the adoption fee for adopters age 60 and up. The mandatory microchip fee of \$20 still applies.

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday-Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



Doo Dah Celebrates 38th Year

With more than a month to go before the Rose Parade, the city's "alter ego," Doo Dah parade hit the streets of East Pasadena Saturday bring with it, everything, from a pink convertible Cadillac DeVille drivable hot tub to Cupcake Cars

to Klingons. This year marked the parades 38th year.

Royal Majesty Queen Veronika MeowMeowzz (pictured right) rode on a giant three wheeled chopper.

This year's Grand Marshal was singer/songwriter, dressed in a red robe; Juli Crockett batted off flying tortillas with a racket. Throwing tortillas is a staple of the parade.

The parade ended with a Secret Santa, Doo Dah's take on the

City Holiday Tree Lighting



Deck the Halls with Holiday Cheer by joining Mayor Terry Tornek for Pasadena's most-anticipated Holiday Tradition as the Mayor lights the City's Official Holiday Tree during our free, festive family celebration with local singers, art projects for kids and a special appearance by Santa Claus! The Mayor's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting celebration is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

The Mayor lights the tree at 6 p.m.

City Officials have it on very good authority that Santa Claus will make a special appearance with a little help from his friends at the Pasadena Fire Department once the tree is lit. Bring your own cameras to snap a special holiday picture of Santa with your children in "Santa's Village."

Great live entertainment

Crime Blotter for Altadena

Sunday, November 15th

1:30 PM - A 30 year old transient was arrested at Rite Aid, 735 E. Altadena Drive for petty theft.

2:00 PM - A petty theft occurred at Walmart, 2408 Lincoln Avenue. Suspect described as a female Black, wearing a gray beanie, green sweater, grey sweatpants, and dark boots. The suspect exited the store and entered a silver Dodge Nitro occupied by another female, Black. Property Stolen: miscellaneous items.

2:36 PM - A 40 year old of Altadena man was arrested in the 3100 block of Via Madera Street for assault with a deadly weapon.

8:00 PM - A theft of mail occurred in the 2700 block of Santa Anita Avenue. Property Stolen: letter containing personal check.

Monday, November 16th

3:42 PM - A package theft occurred in the 2600 block of Windsor Avenue. Suspect described as a male White, in a red 1993 Infiniti sedan. Property Stolen: package containing power switch, Samsung Galaxy cellphone, and adaptor.

5:00 PM - A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 1700 block of Sierra Bonita Avenue. Property Damaged: vehicles dented, window shattered.

9:54 PM - A grand theft occurred at 7 Eleven, 1319 N. Altadena Drive. Suspect described as male, Black. Property Stolen: cashier tablet.

Tuesday, November 17th

2:50 AM - A 19 years old man from Altadena was arrested in the area of Loma Alta Drive and Lake Avenue for driving a

throughout the night includes the thundering beat from the Wilson Middle School Drum Corps.; the adorable Robinson Park Tiny Tots Troupe; the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena; and the kids from Pasadena's Afterschool Adventures Program.

Our evening's emcees this year will be the masterful duo of Pasadena Police Cpl. Glenn Thompson and retired police Lt. Rodney "Rodney D" Wallace.

All of the evening's activities are free and open to all, but we hope you will be able to help stuff one of our Fire Department paramedic ambulances full of toys for those in need. The Pasadena Fire Department will gratefully receive any new, unwrapped toy or sports equipment from attendees able to donate a gift for needy children as part of the annual "Spark of Love" Toy Drive.

stolen vehicle. The vehicle was reported stolen from Beverly Hills.

10:45 AM - A vehicle was reported stolen from the 2300 block of Grandeur Avenue. Stolen vehicle: green 1994 Honda Accord, which is still outstanding.

10:30 PM - A 20 year old man from Commerce was arrested in the area of Lincoln Avenue and Figueroa Drive for driving a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was reported stolen from Beverly Hills.

Wednesday, November 18th

12:02 AM - A 49 years old man from Sunland was arrested in the area of Lake Avenue and Altadena Drive for public intoxication.

11:47 AM - A residential burglary occurred in the 1400 block of N. Roosevelt Avenue. The suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the bedroom window. Loss: unknown. On-going investigation.

12:00 PM - A residential burglary occurred in the 500 block of East Loma Alta Drive. The suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the rear window. Loss: unknown. On-going investigation.

Thursday, November 19th

11:48 PM - A shoplifting incident occurred at Ralph's, 2270 N. Lake Avenue. The suspects was described as a male, Black and female, Black. Property Stolen: baby formula.

Saturday, November 21st

6:37 AM - A 35 years old Altadena man was arrested in the 2100 block of N. Lake Avenue for petty theft from a vehicle. Property Stolen: gloves, cigarettes, coins.

Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck to Resign

In a sudden announcement last Friday, Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck said he will step down in February to pursue a position at UCLA.

His last day in city hall will be Feb. 14. He starts at UCLA March 1.

According to reports, Beck was approached by UCLA in May about an administrative vice chancellor position at the college. Beck told city employees, in a letter, that his first reaction was to decline the offer but later decided it was a professional opportunity he wanted to pursue.

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek said Beck's departure has nothing to do with a \$6.5 million embezzlement uncovered last year. Tornek said he asked him to stay not leave. Along with Tornek, city council members have said they were always impressed with how devoted he was to the city.

Beck said before becoming Pasadena city manager in 2008 he held a position at



UC Riverside.

The city has not released any information as to Beck's replacement or who would be city manager in the interim.

Since the embezzlement, in which former public works employee Danny Wooten siphoned money from the city for 11 years, Beck fired both the city's public works and finance directors. At the time there had been numerous community leaders calling for Beck resignation.

Public Invited To El Nino Forum Tuesday Night

The keynote speaker is Jet Propulsion Laboratory climate scientist William Patzert, Ph.D.

Weather forecasters and scientists are predicting the upcoming El Niño weather pattern could bring severe storms that will impact Southern California with flooding, mud slides, wind damage, related power outages and property damage. The City is actively preparing to meet the challenges of El Niño and urges all residents and businesses to do the same.

The public can learn more about the expected El Niño weather system at a community forum beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the Pasadena Convention Center, Ballrooms B & C, 300 E. Green St. William Patzert, Ph.D., a Jet Propulsion Laboratory climate scientist, is keynote speaker. Officials from several City departments will present information. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The community forum is sponsored by Councilmember Steve Madison and is the latest in a series of public meetings

hosted by the City or City Council members. The City has also created a special website at www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/ElNino with tips, preparedness, key phone numbers and sand bag info. Anyone of lives or works in Pasadena is urged to register their phones at www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/PLEAS to receive emergency alerts.

The Cities of Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank also are working together to provide emergency preparedness info on a "Tri-Cities" website, www.elninoREADY.org. The cities are planning to send out mutual social media info via Twitter with the @VerdugoAlert handle, [www.twitter.com/VerdugoAlert](https://twitter.com/VerdugoAlert).

Whether it's an El Niño event, major earthquake or other disaster, all residents and businesses should have enough food, water and other emergency supplies to last from three days to a week, or longer, in response to a widespread emergency. It is not a matter of "if" but "when" a disaster will occur. All members of your family, including pets, need to be prepared at home, in the car, and at work.

Free Upcoming Events at Pasadena Senior Center



There is something for everyone in December at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. All events listed are free.

Friday Movie Matinees - Fridays, Dec. 4 and 11, at 1 p.m. and Dec. 18 at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 4: San Andreas (2015, PG-13) starring Dwayne Johnson and Carla Gugino. In the aftermath of a massive earthquake in California, a rescue-helicopter pilot makes a dangerous journey with his ex-wife across the state to rescue his daughter. Dec. 11: It's a Wonderful Life (1946, NR) starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he had never existed. Dec. 18: Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961, NR) starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard.

Stay Connected with Social Media - Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 1 to 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. Learn how to keep in touch with family and friends via email, Skype, Facebook and other forms of social media during a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with an instructor. You'll choose which applications you want to learn. Bring a laptop or use one of the onsite computers. If you have an email address, bring it and your password. Sign up with Edison at the Welcome Desk.

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers - Any Questions? - Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 1 to 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase. Learn how to text, check voicemail, set an alarm, navigate the Internet, download apps and more.

Disaster Preparedness - Thursday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. Are you prepared for the next major earthquake and other disasters? Learn how to create a disaster kit, make disaster plans and how to get the special you need before the

next disaster occurs. Presented by Lisa Derderian, emergency management coordinator for the Pasadena Fire Department.

Cardmaking Workshop - Monday, Dec. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. Surprise a special someone with a personalized, handmade greeting card. Whether it's a happy birthday, happy holidays, thank you, thinking of you or other sentiment, you'll create a decorative card in your own unique style and have fun discovering your creativity while workshop leaders help you bring your ideas to life. All materials will be provided.

ARCADIA

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

WINTER REGISTRATION IS HERE!

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. Pick up the latest copy of “The Peacock Buzz” to find out what is going on in the City of Arcadia! Copies are available at the City of Arcadia Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007, the Arcadia Public Library, 20 W. Duarte Road; and City Hall, 240 W. Huntington Drive.

The Recreation and Community Services Department is pleased to announce recreation participants will now be able to view, register and pay for City offered activities and programs through the City of Arcadia's new website. Once you have created an account online you will be able to search for and enroll in any activity listed on the Department website. (You will no longer need to use your former login ID and Pin Number.) For more information please call 626.574.5113 or log onto the city's website at ArcadiaCA.gov and look for the online

link to recreation programs. Registration is now available to everyone online, walk-in and fax-in.

About the City of Arcadia
Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is known for combining small-town charm with the conveniences and amenities of a mid-size city. Arcadia is a full-service charter city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the “Community of Homes” and has twice been designated the “Best City in California” which to Raise Kids” by Business Week Magazine.

Coming to Arcadia in 2016

**HERB ALPERT
& LARI HALL**

Saturday, Feb 20th 8pm

**ABBAMANIA
NIGHT FEVER**



Saturday, Jan 9th 8pm

HIROSHIMA



Saturday, May 14th 8pm

DANIEL HO

KEALI' I CEBALLOS
& HALAU KEALI' O NALANI

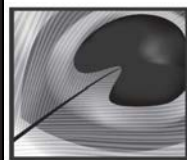


Saturday, Jun 4th 8pm

BUY TICKETS NOW!

VISIT **WWW.ARCADIAPAF.ORG**

OR CALL **626.821.1781**



ARCADIA
PERFORMING ARTS
FOUNDATION

**ARCADIA
PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER**
188 Campus Drive
Arcadia, CA 91007

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, November 29th, through Saturday, December 5th, the Police Department responded to 938 calls for service of which 129 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 29:

Just before 9:51 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the 000 block of West Huntington Drive for having expired registration. A records check of the vehicle revealed the registration had expired; however, the vehicle displayed a 2016 registration sticker. A records check of the driver revealed the 51-year-old male from Sun Valley had an outstanding felony warrant. During a search of the vehicle, the officer located numerous credit cards, driver's licenses, merchandise, and mail not belonging to the driver. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 6:23 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect reached over the bathroom stall door and stole the victim's purse. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Monday, November 30:

At about 2:11 a.m., an officer responded to a single-vehicle traffic collision in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Camino Real Avenue. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 35-year-old male from Glendale was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. He was the sole occupant of the vehicle and did not sustain any injuries as a result of the collision.

At approximately 8:26 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 700 block of South Golden West Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the vehicle by unknown means and stole the victim's P.O. Box keys and gate access card. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Tuesday, December 1:

Around 6:46 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle near the intersection of El Monte Avenue and Las Tunas Drive for having tinted front windows. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 45-year-old male from Los Angeles had never been issued a license. He was cited and released in the field. His vehicle was not stored.

Just after 10:41 p.m., an officer responded to the 1200 block of Oakwood Drive regarding a woman heard screaming. The officer located a subject on a bicycle near the reporting party's address. A records check of the subject revealed the 38-year-old male from South Pasadena was on probation for a drug offense. During a consensual search of the subject, the officer located a bag of heroin. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, December 2:

Shortly after 7:59 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Library, 20 West Duarte Road, regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed an incident of road rage occurred between two drivers resulting in both vehicles pulling into the library parking lot, and

the suspect punching the victim in the mouth. The victim did not request medical attention. The suspect's vehicle is registered out of the City of San Gabriel. The investigation is ongoing.

At about 6:49 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Second Avenue and Huntington Drive for failing to stop at an intersection. During a consensual search of the vehicle, the officer discovered a passenger had provided false information and had outstanding misdemeanor and felony warrants. The 24-year-old female from Temple City was also in possession of a shaved key, a fraudulent check, and stolen checks. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, December 3:

At approximately 6:58 a.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Heritage Oaks Drive regarding a report of illegal camping. Upon contacting the subjects, the officers discovered drug paraphernalia belonging to one of the suspects. The 27-year-old female from Little Rock, CA, in possession of two glass smoking pipes, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The second suspect, a 35-year-old male from Pasadena, was cited and released in the field.

Around 2:58 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of North Altura Road regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear glass door, ransacked the residence, and fled undetected. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The loss is unknown as the owner is out of town.

Friday, December 4:

At about 9:53 a.m., an officer responded to LA Fitness, 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim discovered her car window had been broken and an unknown suspect stole her purse. A short time later, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Temple Station arrested a suspect in possession of the victim's stolen property. The 26-year-old male from El Monte was arrested by the Sheriff's Department.

Just after 8:59 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Duarte Road and Second Avenue for having expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 30-year-old male from Norwalk was driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

Saturday, December 5:

Just after 11:18 a.m., an officer responded to a parking lot in the 200 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a domestic dispute. An investigation revealed a physical altercation ensued between a husband and wife resulting in the husband pushing his wife, causing her to fall and hit her head. Arcadia Fire transported the victim to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for further evaluation. The 22-year-old male from Moreno Valley was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 5:38 p.m., officers respond to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a carjacking report. The victim stated two suspects approached him in the parking lot of the Santa Anita Race Track and demanded the keys to the vehicle. In fear for his life, the victim handed over his keys and the suspects entered his vehicle and fled in an unknown direction.

The suspects are described as two black males, both 17 to 20-years-old, one suspect 5' tall, and the other 6' tall. The investigation is ongoing.

MONROVIA - DUARTE

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 389 service events, resulting in 72 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monroviaforcrime> mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.

Residential Burglary December 7 at 3:51 p.m., police responded to the report of a residential burglary in the 400 block of Highland. Suspects shattered a rear glass door of the home and entered the property. They removed a safe that was bolted down and took it out of the house. They attempted to open the safe in the driveway using various tools, but were unsuccessful. They fled the scene with jewelry taken from the residence. The investigation is continuing.

Attempt Vehicle Burglary December 7 at 5:01 p.m., an attempt vehicle burglary was reported in the 300 block of South Heliotrope. An unknown suspect shattered the window on a 2006 Toyota Camry. Nothing was taken. The investigation is continuing.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested December 7 at 8:53 p.m., officers were dispatched to a domestic violence incident in the 100 block of East Lemon Avenue. The investigation revealed no crime had occurred. The subjects involved had been in an ongoing verbal argument throughout the weekend. The female subject was found to have an outstanding warrant for her arrest. She was arrested and taken into custody for the warrant.

Grand Theft Auto December 7 at 8:45 p.m., a stolen vehicle was located in the 2000 block of South Myrtle. The suspect vehicle turned into a residential driveway in the 200 block of Montana Avenue. The suspect exited the truck and fled on foot. Containment of the area was established and a search was conducted with the assistance of the Sierra Madre Police Department, The Foothill Air Support Team helicopter and an El Monte Police Department canine unit. The suspect was not located. The investigation is continuing.

Domestic Violence – Suspect Arrested December 8 at 12:53 p.m., officers responded to a domestic violence incident in the 600 block of Parker. A husband and wife were involved in an argument. During the argument, the wife attempted to walk away and the husband struck her in the neck with a closed fist. The

husband was arrested for domestic violence.

Mail Theft December 8 at 3:19 p.m., an incident of mail theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Mayflower. Several mailboxes were forced open and mail was taken from six of the mailboxes. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary December 8 at 7:20 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Sunset regarding a residential burglary. The resident left the location at 6:00 p.m. and believes he secured all the doors and windows. As the homeowner was driving away, he noticed a 1990's, white, Toyota Sienna van driving slowly in the neighborhood. At the time he did not think anything of it. He returned home at 7:05 p.m. and found his home had been ransacked and a jar of coins and two old cell phones were taken. It appears the suspects gained entry through an unlocked rear sliding door. The investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Burglary December 9 at 12:32 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a vehicle burglary that occurred in the 600 block of West Huntington. Suspects smashed the window on a 1997 GMC Safari and took a stereo from the vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

Theft From a Vehicle December 9 at 7:17 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 900 block of West Duarte Road. The victim parked her vehicle on the street and walked to the preschool to pick up her child, leaving her purse and cell phone in the vehicle. After picking up her child and driving away from the school, she noticed her purse and cell phone were missing. Although less than 30 minutes had passed, her credit cards had already been used at the mall in Arcadia. There was no sign of forced entry to the vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

Suspect in Grand Theft Auto Incident Arrested December 9 at 9:35 p.m., a suspect involved in a grand theft auto incident that occurred on December 7, see incident above, was arrested and taken into custody. Through investigation and evidence recovered at the time of the incident, an identified suspect was linked to the crime. Officers responded to the last known address for the suspect and the occupants of the home consented to a search for the suspect. The suspect was located hiding in a locked bedroom closet and was taken into custody without incident. The suspect is being held pending his court appearance.

UPDATE REGARDING STATE AUDITOR REVIEW OF MONROVIA

As you may be aware, there were several media reports from last week which indicated that Monrovia had been identified by the California State Auditor as potentially being at high risk for financial trouble or fraud. We wanted to provide some additional clarification and context regarding the matter.

Pursuant to California Government Code 8546.10, the California State Auditor is authorized to audit those local government agencies that they determine to possess a high risk for potential waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, or that have major challenges associated with their economy, efficiency, or effectiveness.

Earlier this year in July 2015, the State Auditor's Office informed the City that pursuant to California Government Code 8546.10, they would be conducting an initial assessment of Monrovia to determine whether or not the City should be subject to a full audit. The State Auditor's Office then conducted a three week review of our overall operations.

Upon completing that review, the State Auditor's Office notified the City that they would not be performing a full audit of the City. Ultimately,

the State Auditor's Office determined that while there were certainly things we could improve upon, Monrovia did not exhibit high-risk characteristics and therefore, they would not be looking for the authority to perform a full audit of the City.

Furthermore, the State Auditor's Office did share with the City their specific concerns about our overall operations, which centered around pension costs, the City's ability to pay for non-pension related retirement benefits, public safety overtime costs, grant management, and contract administration. However, during the close-out discussion, the representatives from the State Auditor's Office acknowledged that the City was already working on the development and implementation of better systems to address the areas where they had identified operational weaknesses. The State Auditor's Office shared that this factor did contribute in part to their determination that no further audit of the City was necessary. Furthermore, moving forward, we will be submitting additional follow-up information to the State Auditor's Office in the early part of 2016 to demonstrate our continued implementation of operational improvements.

MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL FIRE UPDATE

On November 30, 2015, at around 12:30 a.m., an act of arson resulted in a fire causing significant damage at Monrovia High School. The City's Fire Department responded to the call and ultimately, the fire was fully contained by 2:00 a.m.

In total, there were 18 fire units on scene, including 9 engines, 4 trucks, 1 squad, 1 air / light unit and 3 chief officers. Furthermore, there were over 50 firefighters from Monrovia, Arcadia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino and Alhambra Fire Departments that responded. Heavy fire damage impacted the administrative offices located on the first floor, and moderate damage occurred in the room above the administrative office on the second floor.

After the fire was contained, City personnel from our Police Department, Fire Department, Public Services Department, and Community

Development Department have spent significant time last week interfacing with and assisting Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD) personnel. To help facilitate and speed up the repair work, the MUSD has requested the ability to work around the clock to complete the needed repairs to Monrovia High School. Given the emergency situation, the City has authorized the MUSD staff and contractors to work beyond normal construction hours. It is important to note that while most of the repair work being coordinated will take place inside Monrovia High School, there will be outdoor activity at the site as work crews access different portions of the facility. Furthermore, the MUSD also shared with the City that they have hired a private security company to be on site to help monitor the work being conducted.

ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Twelve students join Alverno's most prestigious campus organization

Sierra Madre, CA (December 10, 2015) – On December 3, the Daemen Chapter of the National Honor Society at Alverno High School inducted 12 new members into their ranks.

The National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes academic success while encouraging the continued development of character, leadership, and community service. At Alverno, National Honor Society students participate in various service projects including tutoring students, bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Christmas, and other projects that benefit both Alverno and the local community. Additionally, members of National Honor Society are active members in Alverno student government, campus organizations, athletic teams, and the visual and performing arts while maintaining impressive academic records. In fact, the average GPA of members of the National Honor Society at Alverno High School is 4.25.

New members to the National Honor Society include sophomore Laura Chen; juniors Alexis Baro, Jillian Kislow, Alicia Lindheimer and Moondera Rabb; and seniors Clara Avila, Natalie Hernandez-Barber, Maria Luchetta, Danielle Ramirez, Jenny Sun, Sabrina Torres, and Emily Yekikian.

These young women join juniors Marisa Dragos and Asia Leong as well as seniors Amy Aghajanian, Caitlyn Delgadillo, Isabel Diaz, Emily Lopez, Ciara Madigan, Cameron Martinez, Alexxa Vasquez, and Alexis Winstanley as members of the National Honor Society at Alverno.

“For over 55 years, Alverno has been providing young women with incredible activities and exceptional academic opportunities,” said Julia V. Fanara, Head of School. “The National Honor Society is one of the highest achievements a student can achieve in high school. Through Alverno’s mission of empowering each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be, these 22 young women have grown into women of scholarship, service, leadership and character.”

About Alverno High School

Alverno High School is a progressive Catholic, independent, college preparatory school for young women dedicated to preparing them



Front: Alicia Lindheimer, Clara Avila, Alexis Baro, Danielle Ramirez, Moondera Rabb, Maria Luchetta, Emily Lopez, Caitlyn Delgadillo, Amy Aghajanian, and Asia Leong
Back: Laura Chen, Jillian Kislow, Emily Yekikian, Sabrina Torres, Jenny Sun, Alexxa Vasquez, Cameron Martinez, Alexis Winstanley, and Marisa Dragos

to function in a society as informed, knowledgeable persons, who have the requisite skills to make and implement mature decisions about complex problems. Enlivened by the spirit of its Immaculate Heart Community sponsors, and mindful of the Franciscan roots of its founders, Alverno’s program—academic, spiritual, aesthetic, social, and physical—is shaped by the staff, trustees, and students in light of the world for which the students are being educated. Alverno’s mission is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be and since 1960, Alverno has empowered more than 4,500 women to meet that goal. For more information about Alverno High School, please call 626-355-3463 or visit www.alverno-hs.org.

PASADENA UNIFIED WINTER CONCERTS RING IN THE SEASON

Pasadena, CA --- Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) campuses will be ringing with carols and music of the holiday season as the annual 2015 Winter Concert season kicks off at district schools. Choral, instrumental, dance, string, jazz, and drama performances by elementary, middle and high school students are scheduled throughout December.

“Winter concerts are a great opportunity for children to practice their performance and presentation skills and to demonstrate their growing talents in the performing arts,” said Jennifer Olson, District Arts Coordinator. “With support from families and the community, this is a vibrant time for art and music in schools as our third graders learn to play violins, middle school students blossom in ensembles and select high school students march in the Pasadena Community College Honor Band in the Rose Parade. We invite the greater Pasadena community to discover the arts and music in our schools during this festive season.”

The schedule of concerts follows:

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Eliot Arts (Music & Dance) Wednesday,

Dec. 9, 2015, 8:20 a.m. Sierra Madre Elementary
6:00 p.m. McKinley School
7:00 p.m. Blair IB School (Choral) at Lake Ave. Church Chapel

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015
8:20 a.m., 10:10 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sierra Madre Elementary
9:00 a.m. Don Benito Fundamental (Choral)
2:00 p.m. Don Benito Fundamental (Instrumental)
1:00 p.m., 2:15 p.m. McKinley School
6:00 p.m. Washington STEAM Magnet
6:30 p.m. Marshall Fundamental (Choral)
7:00 p.m. John Muir High School (Instrumental)

Friday, Dec. 11, 2015
9:30 a.m. Cleveland Elementary (Choral & Instrumental)
8:45 a.m. Hamilton Elementary
6:30 p.m. Marshall Fundamental (Instrumental)
6:00 p.m. Longfellow Elementary (Adv. Band & Strings with Harmony

Project)

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015
6:00 p.m. Blair IB (Instrumental)

Monday, Dec. 14, 2015
8:30 a.m., 9:10 a.m. Willard Elementary
1:00 p.m. Franklin Elementary

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015
8:20 a.m., 10:10 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sierra Madre Middle School (iPAK Instrumental)
8:30 a.m. Jackson Elementary

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015
6:30 p.m. Wilson Middle School

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015
8:20 a.m., 10:10 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sierra Madre Middle School (iPAK Vocal & Drama)
8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. Webster Elementary
9:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Don Benito Fundamental (Chorus & Drama)
9:15 a.m., 2:00 p.m. Roosevelt Elementary
6:00 p.m. Eliot Arts Harmony Showcase

Friday, Dec. 18, 2015
9:15 a.m. Field Elementary at Paz Naz Church
Performances are on school campus unless otherwise indicated. Performance times vary.

Stay connected to the Pasadena Unified School District! Visit us online at www.pusd.us; follow us on Twitter @PasadenaUnified, [www.twitter.com/PasadenaUnified](https://twitter.com/PasadenaUnified); like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PasadenaUnifiedSchoolDistrict; text PUSD to 888777; and subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/klrnpasadena. Or call the Communications Office, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (626) 396-3606.

REP. SCHIFF ANNOUNCES ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL STUDENT STEM CHALLENGE

Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) announced the start of the annual congressional science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) academic competition, the Congressional App Challenge, for the 28th Congressional District. The competition aims to foster an early interest and engagement in STEM education and technology by challenging students to develop an application (“app”).

Established by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2013, this competition is part of a nationwide event that invites high school students from all congressional districts to compete by creating and exhibiting their software application, or “app,” for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice. Throughout the competition period, participating students will be provided opportunities to engage with various STEM educational partners, tech entrepreneurs, and tech experts located in the District to mentor and assist them with their app development.

“There is a drastic shortage of STEM graduates needed to fill the over 8 million new STEM jobs projected over the next decade,” said Schiff. “This challenge aims to help meet that long-term need by encouraging students to develop an early interest in STEM fields through creating their own app. Hopefully, we find some innovative entrepreneurs within our community!”

The House Student STEM Challenge is open to all high school students who live in or attend high school in the 28th Congressional District. Students entering the competition must register and submit their apps at <https://www.challenge.gov/challenge/congressional-app-challenge-ca-28-rep-schiff/> during the competition submission period now open through January 15, 2016.

More details on submitting a contest entry, the rules of the competition, and helpful programming resources can be found here (link flyer) or at <http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/educational-resources/>.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Alverno High School
200 N. Michillinda Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3463 Head of School: Ann M. Gillick
E-mail address: agillick@alverno-hs.org

Arcadia High School
180 Campus Drive Arcadia, CA 91007
Phone: (626) 821-8370, Principal: Brent Forsee
bforsee@ausd.net

Arroyo Pacific Academy
41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke
E-mail address: pclarke@arroyopacific.org

Barnhart School
240 W. Colorado Blvd Arcadia, Ca. 91007
(626) 446-5588 Head of School: Ethan Williamson
Kindergarten - 8th grade
website: www.barnhartschool.org

Bethany Christian School
93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3527
Principal: Dr. William Walner
website: www.bcsllions.org

Clairbourn School
8400 Huntington Drive
San Gabriel, CA 91775
Phone: 626-286-3108 ext. 172
FAX: 626-286-1528
E-mail: jhawes@clairbourn.org

Foothill Oaks Academy
822 Bradbourne Ave., Duarte, CA 91010
(626) 301-9809
Co-Principals Nancy Lopez and Diane Kieffaber
info@foothilloaksacademy.org
preschool@foothilloaksacademy.org

Frostig School
971 N. Altadena Drive Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 791-1255
Head of School: Jenny Janetzke
Email: jenny@frostig.org

The Gooden School
192 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-2410 Head of School: Patty Patano
website: www.goodenschool.org

High Point Academy
1720 Kinneloa Canyon Road Pasadena, Ca. 91107
Headmaster John Higgins 626-798-8989
website: www.highpointacademy.org

LaSalle High School
3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 351-8951 website: www.lasallehs.org
Principal Bro. Christopher Brady, FSC

Monrovia High School
325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 471-2800 Principal Darvin Jackson
Email: schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us

Odyssey Charter School
725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill
website: www.odysseycharterschool.org

Pasadena High School
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 396-5880 Principal: Gilbert Barraza
website: <http://phs.pusd.us>

St. Rita Catholic School
322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
Principal Joan Harabedian (626) 355-9028
website: www.st-rita.org

Sierra Madre Elementary School
141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-1428 Principal: Esther Salinas
E-mail address: salinas.esther@pusd.us

Sierra Madre Middle School
160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 836-2947 Principal: Garrett Newsom
E-mail address: newsom.garrett@pusd.us

Walden School
74 S San Gabriel Blvd
Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 792-6166
www.waldenschool.net

Weizmann Day School
1434 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 797-0204
Lisa Feldman: Head of School

Wilson Middle School
300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 449-7390 Principal: Ruth Esseln
E-mail address: resseln@pusd.us

Pasadena Unified School District
351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91109
(626) 396-3600 Website: www.pusd@pusd.us
rcadia Unified School District
234 Campus Dr., Arcadia, Ca. 91007
(626) 821-8300 Website: www.ausd.net

Monrovia Unified School District
325 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, Ca. 91016
(626) 471-2000 Website: www.monroviashools.net

Duarte Unified School District
1620 Huntington Dr., Duarte, Ca. 91010
(626) 599-5000 Website: www.duarte.k12.ca.us

THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show CREED REVIEW

‘Creed’ is the continuation of the long-standing, extremely popular ‘Rocky’ franchise. Naturally, many people got very excited for this film, being long time fans of the franchise; however, I have not seen any of the ‘Rocky’ movies. Sports film, in general, even classics like ‘Rocky’, are not the type of movie that I want to see in theaters, but I decided to see ‘Creed’ to see if it could win me over on sports films.

Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers) was one of the greatest boxers of all time. That is, until a Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) defeated him. Unknown to the world, Apollo had a son with someone he cheated on his wife with. Adonis (Michael B. Jordan) was raised in secret, keeping his identity hidden, and with a penchant for fighting everyone and everything. When he grows up and meets Rocky, he is determined to get the retired boxing legend to train him, and to help him make a name for himself.

‘Creed’, from what I hear from fans of the franchise, was as good as the original ‘Rocky’. For me, it was a decent film with some exceptional aspects. One, the cinematography is amazing; it makes you feel like you are either part of the fight going on or right in Adonis’ corner in the ring. Two, Stallone delivers a spectacular performance as an aging Rocky. It was an unexpected delight to see him do such an amazing acting job. ‘Creed’ is definitely a film made for fans of the ‘Rocky’ franchise but, for those who are not fans, it breaks no new ground in the genre, but it is a film worth giving a try.

Where Academics & the Arts Come Together

Gooden

OPEN HOUSE Jan. 9, 2016 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sign up online today!
www.goodenschool.org

CELEBRATING
40
YEARS

An Independent Episcopal School K-8

The Gooden School

192 North Baldwin Avenue | Sierra Madre CA 91024 | 626.355.2410

THE MYSTICAL, MAGICAL OWL

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



I so enjoy observing the local wildlife that resides in and around Sierra Madre, and I adore hearing the musical calls of birds echoing through the air. I especially love hearing the audacious calls that come from the enormous birds of prey living among us. In fact, when I hear the unique, low-tone hooting of an owl, I feel a sense of warmth and comfort that is hard for me to describe. Just knowing that owls nest in the trees close to where I live is like an honor to me.

A few months ago I read an article, Homeless Owls Need Homes, Too, about a project that provides alternative habitation for owls rendered homeless due to development in the San Gabriel Valley. Interested in learning more, I contacted the author, Steve Scauzillo and he was kind enough to take the time to chat with me. Steve admitted that he is not an owl expert and may not be the best person to consult about local owls. His column covers a variety of current issues and concerns regarding the environment, and this particular article just happened to be about owls. Steve referred me to a true owl expert at the LA Museum of Natural History, Kimball Garrett, so I gave him a call.

To my delight, Mr. Garret was more than willing to share his knowledge about the owls that inhabit our foothills. Apparently there are a few different types that might be seen nesting in the forest and visiting our village, but the ones we are most likely to hear exuding resonant hooting sounds back and forth to one another are Great Horned Owls (*Bubo virginianus pacificus*). Garret explained that this particular owl is more prominent in our parts because they are more adaptable to environmental changes, and are therefore willing to inhabit alternative nesting spots when preferred locations are no longer available.

Great Horned Owls prefer nesting in very tall trees, but when those trees go missing, which seems to be more of a trend now than ever in our town, the Great Horned Owl is wise enough to take up residence in lower lying canopies. Some will even nest in man-made boxes built on stilts where they are protected from predators, high winds and hard rains.

Like all living things, owls play a very important part in keeping nature in balance. With this in mind, the next time you are tempted to complain about there being too many rats running around in your yard, let it be a reminder of how important the big trees are. They provide a place for owls and other birds of prey to stay and help keep the local rat population in check.

I had a remarkable experience with a couple of local owls on the morning my dad passed away. I slept in a little later than usual that Saturday, so I was still lying in bed at 8am when I suddenly heard two owls calling out in unison, one slightly higher pitched than the other. They were so close and so loud that the huge picture window

in my room seemed to vibrate. My husband was there to witness the experience, so I can rely on his confirmation when I share this story with my friends. They may not believe it really happened otherwise.

We both laid there listening, amazed at how loud those owls were. They had to be very close, maybe perched in the avocado tree in our side yard. It is so rare that I see owls that close or hear hear them that loud, so when I heard those owls near my bedroom window, I thought is sounded like a sort of heavenly choir singing a sacred hymn just for me. It brought a sense of serenity to my soul.

Just moments after hearing the owls, I got out of bed and went down to make coffee. It was then that I got the call from my family, telling me the sad news that my father had just passed away. When I hung up the phone, I sat for a while crying and trying to process the shocking news. The owls had left my thoughts completely until later that day when it dawned on me; at the very moment my dad died, I was listening to the amazing sound of two owls outside my window, hooting louder than I had ever heard before.

There are many mysterious, mystical myths associated with the owl, passed down through oral traditions of various peoples. One myth says that the owl is an omen of death soon-to-come. Another regards the owl as the bearer of the deceased soul as it passes from this world into the next. I have never subscribed to mysticism about animals before, but I must say the experience I had on the morning my dad passed away made me think twice about whether those ancient theories might hold some truth.

One thing that is definitely true for me is that I love those amazing birds of prey. I love them because of their beauty and elegance, their tenacity and their symbiotic relationship with nature, not to mention the fact that they provide excellent examples to we humans through their loyal, familial life-style. They work very hard to overcome life's hurdles, just to survive in today's world where fast-paced development is so quickly stealing away the places where they used to stay. I thank God every day for this beautiful earth and all the creatures he placed on it, particularly the mythical, mystical, magical Great Horned Owl.

Canyon Canine

Dog Walking & Sitting Services
Sierra Madre, California

Chris Leclerc

www.canyoncanine.com
chris@canyoncanine.com

626-355-8333 626-533-9536

PET OF THE WEEK: STEWART: ANIMAL ID #A4901139

Sweet little Stewart has one wish, and that is for a place he can call home. Stewart (A4901139) is a soulful 7-year-old tricolor (black, white, tan) male Chihuahua whose owners left him and his son, Sammie [A4901142] at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on November 30th because they felt they no longer had time for their dogs. Weighing just shy of 9 lbs, Stewart lives to cuddle, and will seize on any opportunity for a hug or a pet. He is a gentle dog who watches the world with curiosity. His former owners tell us that he hasn't had much in the way of training yet, so he would benefit from a basic obedience class to help him become the star-quality dog he is meant to be. Stewart seems fine with other dogs, and is especially fond of Sammie. Stewart will blossom in a loving household committed to making him a part of their family forever. To watch a video of Stewart, please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/LWK4o9gWwNY>



To meet Stewart in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Stewart, please reference his animal ID number: A4901139. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Stewart or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

To enjoy the holidays with? Astaire is a handsome domestic medium hair mix cat, 9 months old and weighing around 4 pounds. He has a soft silky black and white coat that gives him a striking appearance.

Astaire came to the shelter with Ginger, but when Ginger was adopted, Astaire was left behind looking

for the chance to find a new dancing partner in a purrever home of his own. This handsome boy is even dressed in his Tuxedo black and white, ready to hit the dance floor. He is a domestic medium hair mix about 9 months old and a born entertainer. If you sit next to him and happen to be wearing shoes with laces, he will show you how quickly he can untie them. When the laser light hits the floor, he really shows his moves chasing it around. When the party is over, he is happy to settle into a lap to be cuddled.

He is very fit, agile and athletic. He is a friendly, sweet, and affectionate teen cat. Astaire has a simple and elegant appearance that does not require a lot of grooming. He will be an ideal family pet. The Domestic Shorthair can even be a child's first pet because they are known to be friendly with both adults and children. He would also be a great companion for someone living alone, who would love a pet that will follow them around and will snuggle with them on the couch.

This playful boy has a lifetime of love and affection to share and would be a great addition to a lucky family looking for a new family member for the

holidays!

In celebration of the '25 Days of Xmas', all cats are available for the special adoption rate of \$25 that includes spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchipping and a free wellness exam at participating veterinarians.

If you are interested in meeting Astaire or any of the other available cats and kittens at the shelter, visit the [San Gabriel Valley Humane Society](http://SanGabrielValleyHumaneSociety.org) at 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel, Calif. 91776. Stop by any time from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday to arrange a meet and greet with Astaire. For more information, call (626) 286-1159. See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all



our wonderful pets.

Shelter supporters are encouraged to visit the website to read about the amazing story of Hoppy told by his rescuer's blog. This three legged Chihuahua now has a second chance for a happy life after a terrible accident left him alone and helpless trying to survive on the busy city streets.

2016 calendars are available at the shelter for a \$10 donation. The photos were selected among hundreds submitted by shelter supporters. They make great holiday gifts for the animal lovers on your list! If you would like to order a 2016 calendar on line, you can stop by the shelter or do so through Paypal. Go to the shelter website at sgvhumane.org for more information.



Gifts of Peace In-Home Pet Euthanasia

Saying goodbye in the warmth and comfort of home....

- Phone Consultations
- Compassionate euthanasia
- Transportation for cremation
- Memorial Options

626-791-1568
Dr. Robin Holmes

COME TO ALTADENA!



- LIFETIME BRAKES
- WHEEL ALIGNMENT
- LUBE & OIL CHANGE
- GENERAL AUTO REPAIR

Javier Vega
Service Manager
(626) 345-9777
Fax: (626) 345-9218

www.brakemasters.com

2095 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, CA 91001

An Honest Brake® Since 1983

Growers of Rare Camellias and Azaleas since 1935

Nuccio's Nurseries

3555 Chaney trail
Altadena, California 91001
(626) 794-3383



We are open daily except
Wednesdays and Thursdays
Business hours are from 8:00 to 4:30.
Closed Sundays - June 1 through December

On rainy days we normally close early, so please call first.



Catfish Po' Boy



Mentloaf Plate



Wedge Salad

PARK BENCH GRILL
626.797.2740

Call in your order or just stop by.
8am - 4pm Tuesday-Thursday
8am - 7:30 pm Friday & Saturday

PATTICAKES DESSERTS

-Full Service Bakery-

Birthdays - Anniversaries - Weddings



Mention Ad for 10% off any cake

1900 N Allen, Altadena CA 91001

626-794-1128



Come in for a test save.



John T. Diehl, Agent
Insurance Lic#: 0D75608
835 E. Mariposa St.
Altadena, CA 91001
Bus: 626-791-9915

Total average savings of **\$825**

when you combine home and auto policies. Call my office for a quote 24/7.

State Farm

*Average annual household savings based on national 2012 survey of new policyholders who reported savings by switching to State Farm.
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, State Farm General Insurance Company, Bloomington, IL

VISIT US ONLINE

www.mtnviewsnews.com



THE PLUMBING SPECIALIST FOR RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL



Century Rooter Specializes in:

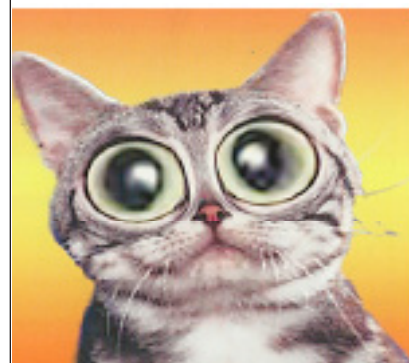
All Plumbing Repairs
Water Heater Replacement
Backflow Testing Services
Sewer and Drain Cleaning
Residential & Commercial

24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICES
(800)782-4744

www.CENTURYROOTER.com

OVER 35 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1609 S. California Ave • Monrovia, Ca 91016
LIC. #707409



WHAT?!
No Money?

ALL LOANS 5 MONTHS

FOR PAWN

Ready Pawn

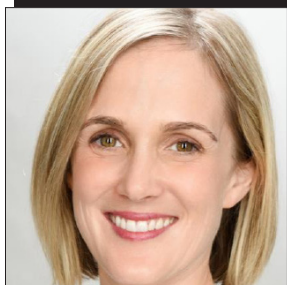
42 East Live Oak
Arcadia, CA 91006

OPEN 6 DAYS
Mon. - Fri. 9am - 7pm
Sat. - 9am - 3pm
Lic. #1902-0897

626-445-8822

INSTANT CASH FOR SCRAP GOLD

2% INTEREST LOANS



THE JOY OF YOGA

A SACRED SPACE

Practicing Yoga at a yoga studio is a unique experience. It's a community experience. It's an energetic experience. Very different from taking a yoga class in a gym or multi use environment.

As a student, I first began taking yoga classes in a studio. Looking back I'm so grateful I started this way. What a treat. I enjoyed the smell upon entering the studio. It was instantly calming. I liked the easy going people working the desk and the yoga teacher greeting students as they came in. And whoa, the practice space was clean, spacious and relaxing. As I continued my practice, I became picky about where I would practice yoga

in a group setting. When traveling, I looked for yoga studios, not fitness places with yoga classes. There's a difference in tradition and reverence for the practice.

Little did I know the effort put in by the yoga studio to create the space. Clean wood floors, simple, yet aesthetically pleasing decor, carefully stacked blocks and blankets, cherished deities displayed honoring any and all faiths. But the biggest noticeable attribute was the energy in the room. It had been created and gathered, class after class. Only yoga, meditation and learning about those things taking place in the room. It was a sacred space. Many students say the yoga studio is their second home. I'm not surprised at all!

Come and enjoy class at our lovely, sacred space

COME SEE WHAT'S
NEW IN TOWN
AND GET A
FREE YOGA CLASS
IN OUR NEW LOCATION
16 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD
UPSTAIRS, ENTER FROM BACK OF BUILDING
CHECK ONLINE FOR CLASS TIMES & DIRECTIONS

Yoga Madre
yogamadre.com

626 355 2010

Yoga Studio and Wellness Center
Yoga Classes for all ages and all levels
Private Yoga Classes • Structural Yoga
Therapy • Structural Integration • Reiki
16 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



HOW TO RAISE RESPONSIBLE KIDS - PART 2

Last week I wrote about the definition of responsibility. In short, responsibility means your children are "able to be trusted to do what is right."

So let's see what that looks like in several different contexts and explore how we can support our kids to become truly responsible.

I'll start with money because most parents want to raise kids responsible in that area.

So what does it mean to be responsible with money? What does it mean to be trusted to do what is right with money?

To begin with, it means that we are confident our children know how to make good use of the resources that come to them.

But before we can ensure our children become responsible in this area, we must look at whether

- and how - we are taking responsibility in this area ourselves. So I ask you, can you be trusted to make good use of the resources that come to you?

In my experience, many people do not feel confident in this area. That lack of confidence may show up as an over focus on money, an unnecessary stinginess with money, or as an unwillingness to make the time to really look and organize assets and resources.

If you see yourself in any of these examples, supporting your children to become responsible with money needs to begin with you.

You can take responsibility yourself by getting clear on what you have and what you need to have to provide a life of comfort and connection with the ones you love. You can show your children what responsibility looks like by creating a Family Estate Plan which is more than just a set of legal documents - it should engage your children in planning for their own futures.

When you bring your children into the Family Estate Planning process, in a well thought out manner, you are helping prepare them for a life of financial responsibility.

Whether you have young kids or adult kids, it's never too late - or too early - to start the process of taking full responsibility for your money and leading your kids by example.

Dedicated to your family's wealth, health, and happiness,

MARC

A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 49 S. Baldwin Ave., Ste. G, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.

ACUPUNCTURE FOR NECK PAIN

What is neck pain?

Neck pain is a common condition — so common, in fact, that the expression “a pain in the neck” is an oft-used figure of speech in English. Because of its position and range of motion, and because it plays a vital role in the support of the head, the neck is more subject to injury than any other portion of the spine. While it is much less frequent than back pain, neck pain can occasionally be severe enough to warrant attention from a licensed health professional.

Neck pain can have a variety of causes. Keeping your head in an awkward position can cause your neck muscles to fatigue and the joints in your neck to “lock” in place, causing discomfort, stiffness and limited range of motion. Neck pain can also be caused by a sudden force (such as an automobile accident), or a medical condition (swelling, disease, tumors, bleeding, inflammation, etc.). Some neck pain can also cause headaches (see the “Acupuncture for Headaches and Head Pain” section for more information).

Who suffers from neck pain?

Almost everyone will experience some sort of neck pain or stiffness during their lifetime; however, certain occupations appear to be predisposed to neck symptoms. Manual laborers, for instance, have more symptoms than office workers, and the type of work seems to affect the

risk. A person's age and a history of twisting and bending during work can also contribute. Workers who have been required to do repetitive tasks with their upper extremities, or who undergo periods of prolonged sitting with their head in a flexed position (such as typing on a keyboard at a desk) are at risk of developing mechanical neck pain.

What can acupuncture do for neck pain?

Studies have shown acupuncture to be effective in relieving certain types of neck pain, particularly those caused by whiplash. Some studies suggest acupuncture can treat degenerative neck disorders such as ankylosing spondylosis and cervical spondylosis; in many cases, acupuncture has worked for patients whose conditions could not be solved using conventional approaches. Acupressure and herbal medicine are sometimes used in conjunction with acupuncture for neck pain. Applying acupressure to the neck muscles can reduce spasm and lessen pain, leading to a relaxed state and a heightened sense of well-being. Depending on the patient's condition, certain herbal products can be used to improve circulation and blood flow and ease muscle contraction.

References

Hppt://www.acupuncturetoday.com/abc/neckpain.php

**YoonMin
Acupuncture
& Herbs**

We accept most insurance, Auto Injuries, Workers Compensation.

(Hannah) SunYoung Min, L.Ac.
(Henry) JooHun Yoon, L.Ac.

Start feeling better today !

Let us try to help YOU with the following health issues !

Muscle/Joint: Low back pain, neck, shoulder, knee pain
Emotional: Stress, anxiety, insomnia, depression.
Gynecological: PMS, menopausal symptoms, infertility.
Digestive: Abdominal pain, indigestion, IBS.
Respiratory: Common cold , sinus, asthma, bronchitis.
Urological: Urinary Tract Infection(UTI), urinary frequency.
Dental: Toothache, TMJ dysfunction.
Harmony: Increase energy, strengthen immune system.
Neurological: Headache, migraine, vertigo, stroke residuals.

(626) 800-9086

80 Montecito Ct. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 / www.YoonMinAcu.com

**Pasadena
ANTIQUE
warehouse**

**What's In Your Attic?
We Buy Your Stuff!**

Tel. (626) 404-2422

1609 E. Washington Blvd. Pasadena Ca, 91104

GEORGE'S TREE SERVICE
SPECIALIZING IN TALL AND SPECIMEN TREES
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
Bonded & State of CA Licensed #960774
626-246-5750
georgestreeservice1975@gmail.com

Since 1975

George Reyes

MARK 1:17
Special Discounts
for Seniors

**FIND YOUR
ADVENTURE
with**

**SHARP
SEATING
COMPANY**
OFFICIAL GRANDSTAND SEATING COMPANY

**ROSE PARADE® TICKETS & ITS EVENTS
ON SALE NOW!**

WWW.SHARPSEATING.COM • 626.795.4171

**Ritz
RESALE**

**Women's Consignment
Clothing & Accessories**

(626) 449-3528

Store Hours
Tues-Sat 11 am – 6 pm
Sundays 11 am – 3 pm

**900 Valley View Ave. #6
Pasadena, CA 91107**

info@ritzresale.com

HOW MUCH YOU'LL PAY FOR MEDICARE IN 2016

Dear Savvy Senior,
I know there won't be a cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits next year but what about Medicare? I've heard some beneficiaries will get hit with a big Part B monthly premium increase in 2016. What can you tell me, and who will this affect?

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,
All things considered, the news regarding your Medicare costs next year is pretty good. For about 70 percent of the nation's 52 million Medicare beneficiaries, there will be no Part B premium increase in 2016. And thanks to the 2015 Bipartisan Budget Act that was signed into law by President Obama on Nov. 2, the other 30 percent will pay much less than previously projected. Here's what you can expect.

Part B Premiums

Because the Social Security Administration will not be giving out a cost of living increase (or COLA) in 2016, the Medicare Part B premiums for most current beneficiaries will not go up either. Thanks to the "hold harmless" provision in the Medicare law, which prohibits Part B premiums from rising in any year that there's no COLA, the 2016 monthly premium will remain at \$104.90 for most current Medicare participants.

However, this provision does not protect new Medicare enrollees (those who enroll in 2016), beneficiaries who are directly billed for their Part B premium, or current beneficiaries who have deferred claiming their Social Security. This includes people 65 or older who are still working but have signed up for Medicare because their employer doesn't offer health insurance. It also hits people who have filed and suspended Social Security benefits to allow a spouse to claim.

If you fit into any of these categories, your Medicare Part B premium will increase to \$121.80 a month in 2016 – which is much lower than the \$159.30 that it would have been, had the budget deal fell through.

The hold-harmless rule also does not protect high-income Medicare beneficiaries who already pay higher Part B premiums because their annual incomes



are above \$85,000 for an individual or \$170,000 for a couple. If you fit into this category, here's what you'll pay for your Part B premium next year, based on your 2014 tax returns.

Individuals with incomes of \$85,000 to \$107,000, or married couples filing joint tax returns with incomes of \$170,000 to \$214,000, will pay \$170.50 per month.

Individuals earning \$107,000 to \$160,000 (couples \$214,000 to \$320,000) will pay \$243.60.

Individuals with incomes of \$160,000 to \$214,000 (couples \$320,000 to \$428,000) will pay \$316.70.

Individuals over \$214,000 or couples above \$428,000 will pay \$389.80.

Another increase high-income beneficiaries (those with incomes over \$85,000, or \$170,000 for joint filers) need to be aware of is the surcharge on Part D premiums. Affluent seniors that have a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan will pay an additional \$12.70 to \$72.90 per month, depending on their income, on top of their regular Part D premiums.

Deductibles and Co-Pays

Other changes you need to know about that will affect all Medicare beneficiaries include the Part B deductible, which will increase to \$166 in 2016 (it's currently \$147); and the Part A (hospital insurance) annual deductible which will go up to \$1,288 (it's currently \$1,260) for hospital stays up to 60 days. That increases to \$322 per day for days 61-90, and to \$644 a day for days 91 and beyond. And the skilled nursing facility coinsurance for days 21-100 will also increase to \$161 per day (it's currently \$157.50).

For more information on all the Medicare costs for 2016 visit Medicare.gov and click on "Your Medicare Costs" tab at the top of the page, or call 800-633-4227.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

KATIE Tse.....This and That



"WHEN THE DOG BITES! WHEN THE BEE STINGS!"

"The hills are alive..." with the sound of critics. Did you watch "The Sound of Music" last Thursday? My husband and I did, and though I doubt any of the cast are going to be nominated for acting awards, I shamelessly admit that I loved it! (That doesn't mean I want to watch it again, but it was fun the first time.)

Like all great musicals, "The Sound of Music" has a unifying effect on people. The fact that NBC is selling a sing-along DVD attests to this. There are a surprising variety of people you wouldn't expect to know, or care, about "The Sound of Music." One of my junior high teachers was a big, tall "man's man" who liked rough and tumble sports and had a saint Bernard with a head the size of a basketball. The topic of faith came up one day during class. Misty eyed, my teacher described the scene in which the Mother Superior exhorts Maria to "Climb Every Mountain!"

Then there was my Mom's principal, an Asian man in his 40's; he loved the movie so much that he even gave his daughter the Alpine name, Heidi. Even my husband surprised me by knowing many of the songs. Apparently he sang them in grammar school for a Christmas program.

Of course, what I love most are Rodgers & Hammerstein's songs! Commenting on the musical score, Rodgers once stated, "You don't leave the theater humming the scenery." While no one has criticized Carrie Underwood's singing, many have lambasted her acting ability and her nerve to attempt Julie Andrews' iconic role as Maria von Trapp. Frankly, I think any actress would be crucified for taking on that role. (The same can be said for Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," or Scarlet in "Gone With the Wind." Actually, there was a "sequel" to the latter, but it was so awful it doesn't warrant mentioning.)

While I'm by no means extolling Underwood's

acting, I think we all need to take a step back and remember that this was a LIVE, MUSICAL. I readily admit I know as much about acting, singing, dancing, and the theater in general as I do about higher math. However, as a closet old person, I've watched many movie musicals, and even went to see a few musical plays.

As far as I can fathom, movies are vastly different from plays, especially musicals. First, theater actors have to project their voice, movements, and overall character enough so the people in the nosebleed section can appreciate them. This, in itself, necessitates some over-acting. Now, when you add dancing and singing to the mix, even more is required from actors. Not only do they have to remember their lines, but they've got to belt them out, sometimes while dancing. I can barely hike and talk at the same time, so I have a deep respect for those who sing and dance simultaneously. Heck, I can't even stand being "dressed up" for more than a couple hours.

Furthermore, while movie actors have the luxury of multiple takes and breaks in between scenes, theater actors have to get it right the first time. There are no second chances in front of a live audience. For all of these reasons, I've always considered musical theater actors more as athletes. The stamina it must take to pull off these productions night after night, week after week boggles my mind.

The difference in the amount of skill and energy expended by these actors is kind of like comparing my little column to the work of a stand-up improv actor. It's one thing to come up with witty one-liners on the spot, and it's another to sit typing at home in your jammies, as I am now. By the time you read this, it will be at least my third draft, (and even then, I can't promise anything). But at least it's a lot cheaper than buying theater tickets! And now I must bid you "So long, Farewell, Auf wiedersehen, Good bye!"

MUSIC AND MEMORIES OF FRANK SINATRA

This being the year of Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday, Arcadia Senior Services is having a two part musical presentation about the life and music of Frank Sinatra. The first part will be on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia at 1:15pm. Larry Maurer, educator and film historian in American music will take you down memory lane with a two part series on American singer, actor, director and producer, Frank Sinatra. Frank is one of the best-selling music artists of all time, selling more than 150 million records worldwide. Sinatra was also the recipient of eleven Grammy Awards. You will learn about the early years of Sinatra and his road to stardom. The lecture is for individuals age 50 and over. Cost for this special musical event is \$3.00. The second part of this presentation will



be on March 1. For additional information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

About the City of Arcadia
Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is known for combining small-town charm with the conveniences and amenities of a mid-size city. Arcadia is a full-service charter

city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the "Community of Homes" and has twice been designated the "Best City in California in which to Raise Kids" by Business Week Magazine.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...December Birthdays*

Pat Karamitros, Joan Hufnagel, Mary Alice Cervera, Carol Horejsi, Shirley Anhalt, Mignon Grijalva, Helen Reese, Levon Yapoujian, Toni Buckner, Lottie Bugl, Pat McGuire, Sheila Wohler, Nan Murphy, Eleanor Hensel, Sylvia Curl, Elizabeth Levie, Gayle Licher, Cindy Barran, and Melissa Stute.

*To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required



ACTIVITIES: Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre Activities at the Senior Center

YWCA San Gabriel Valley - Intervale Senior Cafe

Seniors 60 years of age and up can participate in the YWCA Intervale daily lunch program held at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm and participants are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 am. Meals are a suggested donation of \$3.00 for seniors 60 and over or \$5.00 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary, space is limited. Please reserve your lunch by calling 626-355-0256.

Tech Talk: Held on Monday, October 19th and 26th from 1:30-2:30pm. Learn how to use your new technology devices. Please reserve your space with the Hart Park House by calling 626-355-7394.

Hawaiian and Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday morning from 10am to 11am. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she instructs you in the art of hula.

Bingo: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00pm. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to join. May be canceled if less than 5 people.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11am to 12pm. No appt. is necessary.

Brain Games: Thursday, October 15th, 10:30am - 11:30am, improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by Swati Puri, Community Liaison for New Wave Home care of Pasadena.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, October 21st from 10:30am to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. He specializes in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. Appointment are required by calling 626-355-7394.

Chair Yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 am. A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

Case Management: Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. Case Management services are provided by the YWCA and provide assistance in a variety of areas. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling the HPH Office at 626-355-7394.

Birthday Celebrations: Every second Thursday of the month at the Hart Park House. The free birthday cake is provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

Game Day: Every Thursday starting at 12:00pm. (Please note the time change.) A regular group of seniors play poker. Other games available for use.

Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 12:45pm to 1:30pm with Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low impact resistance training. All materials for the class are provided.

Senior Club: Every Saturday at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Brown bag lunch at 11:30am. Club meeting at noon. Bingo 12:30-3:30pm. Annual Membership is only \$10.00.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:



CANDLELIGHT PAVILION (CLAREMONT)

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015
TIME: 10:30AM - 4:00PM
MEETING LOCATION: HART PARK HOUSE SENIOR CENTER
COST: \$75.00 (LUNCH IS INCLUDED)

Description: Ben D. Bollinger's Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre in Claremont provides patrons with a dinner theatre and musicals for a theatrical experience the caliber of the Broadway shows in downtown LA. The gourmet food prepared by the executive chef and served by his formal wait staff ranks the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre as a fine food restaurant that rivals any fine dining establishment in Los Angeles and San Bernardino. For 30 years, the Candlelight Pavilion has written and produced each of its Christmas shows with a focus on the spirit of Christmas and bringing family and friends together. Appropriate dress requested: Jackets for gentlemen, tie optional, dress or dressy pant suits for ladies, no jeans, t-shirts or tennis shoes. Price includes lunch, show and gratuity. Level of Walking: Low. Last day to register is November 2nd. Please call the Hart Park House at (626)-355-7394.

Excursion Refund Policy

Notification of the cancellation must be made at least 3 business days before the excursion. A refund will only be issued 1) for a medical excuse or 2) if the Department is able to fill the patrons spot from a waiting list. This refund will be issued in the form of a credit which will be applied to the patron's account with the City, less a \$11 cancellation fee. The credit will remain on your account for one year from the date issued and the credit may be used for any program or service offered by the Community Services Dept.

LUNCH AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

Seniors 60 years of age and up can participate in the YWCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale daily lunch program held at the Hart Park House. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00pm (participants are encouraged to arrive by 11:45am). Meals are suggested donation of \$3.00 for seniors 60 and over or \$5.00 for non-senior guests. Reservations for lunch must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling 626-355-0256. The Meals-On-Wheels program offers hot meals to homebound seniors within the community. Meals are delivered at the door, Monday through Friday. For more information on this program, contact the YWCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale program at 626-214-9467.

LIFESAVERS PARAMEDIC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The Sierra Madre Lifesavers Paramedic Subscription Program is an official program offered by the City of Sierra Madre which offsets the cost of emergency medical responses. The membership program is available to residents of Sierra Madre. Your subscription to the program will perform similar to a secondary insurance plan, with no out-of-pocket cost to you. Subscriptions are \$60.00 per individual (July 1 – June 30). For additional information contact The Sierra Madre Fire Department 626-355-3611.

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!
Call Patricia at 626-818-2698 Today!



At first, Dad and I didn't
see eye to eye about moving to
The Kensington, but since
he did, we're both thrilled

Limited Senior Living Suites Still Available
Call or Visit to Reserve Yours Today

THE KENSINGTON
An Assisted Living Residence
SIERRA MADRE
626-355-5700
245 West Sierra Madre Blvd
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
www.TheKensingtonSierraMadre.com



RCFE License
198601953

You are hungry and you want something different, and this writer tells you to go to Robin's Woodfire BBQ on Rosemead, you say " I have driven by that place a thousand times and I thought it was just a coffee shop".

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Do you have kids? I do, anyone need one until the economy picks up again, she is well mannered? Just kidding honey, but I will need that iPhone back, with the receipt. A certifiable winner on every Wednesday and Sunday Night is Robin's where the Kids eat for free!! I have a feeling we can all afford that one. With each adult entrée your child can eat for free from the kids menu. No kids, you say, well they also offer all you can eat Rib Tips for (\$13.95). Wow!!!

Now let's review an American favorite!!! It is also one of my personal favorites, BBQ, not the oven roasted version which Tony Roma's panders. No, Barbeque is made low and slow. Low heat and slowly cooked. There is only one authentic BBQ in The San Gabriel Valley; you guessed it, Robin's Woodfire BBQ and Grill in Hastings Ranch.

Owner and head politician Robin Salzer has perfected the BBQ at his name sake. Robin, will readily admit it took a few months to perfect the BBQ at Robin's. Robin hails from Milwaukee and opened Robin's 33 years ago this month. The original menu had everything from breakfast, to pizza, nachos and little bit of the BBQ. About ten years ago Robin made the decision to go strictly BBQ. "Everyone in the neighborhood, thought I was crazy," Robin recalled. But, "I decided to stay the course". The result is some of the best BBQ in all of Southern California. The awards in the past five years include: Best of City Search, numerous Best of Awards by local newspapers, write ups in the LA Times and a feature in Westways Magazine.

Depending on the meat, each entrée is cooked between 4 to 6 hours on wood. The sauce is then put on the meat about twenty seconds before meat is done. This is done to avoid burning the outside skin of the meat.

Prices range from (\$8.95) for salads to (\$35.95) for the ultimate Garbage Can Combo. Check out my food blog for pictures www.peterdillstumblr.com The combo includes chicken, beef ribs, tri tip, baby back, spare ribs and a beef link. The garbage combo is big enough for two people

What to order: The Beef Ribs are a must!! Four rib dinner (\$19.95) and the six Rib dinner is (\$29.95). Robin tells me the ribs are notched, thus insuring extra meat. For dessert order the peach cobbler, its house made.

What to avoid: Mondays & Tuesday, the restaurant is closed. They don't take reservations on the weekends, so I suggest making the visit on a Thursday Night. No separate checks. Four Stars. Worth the drive from anywhere in Los Angeles. Check out the website. Robinsmenu.com for updated prices and hours. 395 N. Rosemead Pasadena. (626) 351-8885



SAVOR THE FLAVOR LLC

Specialty Foods & Gifts

**Karen Keegan
Madeline Romo**
OWNERS

**11 Kersting Court
Sierra Madre, CA 91024**

P: 626.355.5153 F: 626.355.7781
info@savorthe flavor.net

twitter
@SavorFlavor

facebook
Facebook.com/SavorTheFlavor.ca

www.savorthe flavor.net

Scan To Explore

On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

BACK WHERE I BELONG

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

We have finally begun rehearsing Ira Levin's Deathtrap! This diabolical show was originally slated to open on October 2 but because of the extensions of Always...Patsy Cline we moved it to a January 15, 2016 opening. It is my great good fortune that the cast and designers have all stayed with me through the various postponements – and after the first two weeks of rehearsals, I can say with certainty that you are in for a real treat. This is a dynamite cast and we are having a ball figuring out how to murder

when we were kids? arranging them to watch as a pattern was made when the first one caused the next to fall – that's what I do in the rehearsal room. One of the things you think about is the audience being able to follow the action around the room – for example, if an actor reacts immediately to something another actor says or does the audience won't see it. So you have to build in little delays for the audience to turn from one actor to another. That way they will see both the thrust and the parry. It all gets very technical and specific and is why it takes so long to



Christopher Showerman (HaHa), Diane Kelber (Sook), and Patrick Geringer (Buddy) in A Christmas Memory. Photo by: Gina Long

each other (in the show!) and plotting just how much blood we'll use!

Acting is pretending. All of us in the theater were probably once those kids with hyper-active imaginations who jumped at the chance to play cops & robbers, pirates or superheroes, or to re-enact our favorite TV shows. So to get to work on a show where part of the consideration is how to hold a crossbow so it looks most menacing, or how to believably die on the hearth rug, or exactly when to scare the audience is just so much fun.

And for me it is such a pleasure (and relief) to be back in the rehearsal room. It's been a year since I last directed and I've really missed it. Bringing life onto the stage is always a challenge – you have to balance making the characters real enough for the audience to recognize them but also theatrical enough to tell the story. As a director I have to make sure that the story is being told and that the plot points are clear (and in a thriller that is even more important) – I think of that as making the dominoes fall. You remember that thing we did with dominoes

rehearse a show.

I am thrilled too that we've already begun selling tickets! We haven't done a non-musical play since The Odd Couple last spring and haven't done a thriller in years – and clearly there is pent up anticipation. I'll let you know how things are coming along – but I hope you'll join us for Deathtrap.

* * *

A Christmas Memory continues to delight audiences. It really is perfect for all ages and speaks to a time when Christmas was much simpler. A Christmas Memory runs through the holidays to December 27. Get your tickets soon as the Sunday matinees are already sold out. There is still room at several of the Saturday matinees and during the evenings. There is no chance of extending this one. Please visit our website at SierraMadrePlayhouse.org or call Mary at 626.355.4318 to arrange your purchase.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: BROTHERTIGER – “OUT OF TOUCH”

By Sean Kayden

John Jagos began experimenting with making electronic music while attending Ohio University in 2009. After adopting the name, Brothertiger, he released his fanciful synth-laden debut EP “Vision Tunnels.” Since then, Jagos has released the critically praised LPs, Golden Years (2012) and “Future Splendors” (2013). With his recent move to Brooklyn, New York, Jagos is about to release his third LP, “Out of Touch.” The ten-track endeavor is an emotionally heavy outing, but it's not overwhelming. Jagos takes a lot of personal experience and embeds it into his optimistic melodies. Underling themes of distress, apprehension, and fearfulness are present, but that's only natural to explore for any artist in there twenties. As noted by Jagos, “Out of Touch” is a deeply personal record that explores the positive and negative aspects of trying to find one's self in society in a post-college setting. Sure, the album focuses on all these things in life, but does it sound any good? The short answer is absolutely. Jagos' chillwave arrangements, comforting vocals, and poignant lyrics clearly make this an entirely worthwhile experience to share. Often times, I found myself looking back in my own existence and “Out of Touch” is a prodigious piece of music that aids one along their own footpath.

“Beyond The Infinite” is the grand opener for Jagos and it's a real beaut. The oscillating synths and lush soundscape mixed with Jaogs lyrics that look inward rather than outward all form perfectly together. So right off the bat, we have something incredibly moving to set the stage for “Out of Touch.” “Wake” features warm, wistful vocals constructed around electronic music that leans toward the soft-rock side. Jagos showcases ambient tones over his sanguine lyrics. “Fall Apart” is yet another lovely tune that encouragingly moves forward as it progresses. Jagos utilizes his signature ethereal quality again and everything just falls into place effortlessly. In many ways, the album is shaping up to be the feel-good record of the season. While many life-changing themes are explored, optimism is always center stage. With all that's dark in the world, Brothertiger tries to shed light in the most

unforeseen places.

The title track delves into 80s synth-pop and there's nothing to complain about here. It's an electro-pop track showcasing exceptional sounds that evolve into something memorable. While Brothertiger stays within a particular soundscape, no two tracks really feel much the same. Jagos is able to craft something

Artist: Brothertiger
Album: Out of Touch
Label: Self-Released
Release Date: December 4th, 2015
Review By: Sean Kayden

new and special each go around. “Engulfed” starts off with bouncy and tropical beats. The chilled vibe and dreamy impression it gives off definitely makes the listener feel at home. As the album moves forward, we land on “Grenada,” a peaceful, nostalgic track that really hits every note faultlessly. It's utterly affecting and meditative in every aspect of the song. Jagos has the remarkable propensity of writing just the right lyrics for his immaculate sounds. Everything goes hand in hand making “Out of Touch” feel like the perfect album. “Drift” ends this latest chapter for Brothertiger and it's another spotless example in perfection. The impactful song is colorful and engaging with pleasant vocals and comforting emotion throughout. In the end, I was deeply moved, inspired, and enlightened by the complete journey that was offered. “Out of Touch” speaks volumes beyond the listener finishing the record. It will linger with you, stick inside your mind, and enter into your soul. Frankly, it's captivating to say the least. Brothertiger's latest composition brings a lot to the table as Jagos firsthand approach to songwriting and outlook on life is splendid, touching, and authentic all at the same time.

Grade: 8.5 out of 10
Key Tracks: “Wake,” “Fall Apart,” “Engulfed,” “Upon Veridian Waterways”

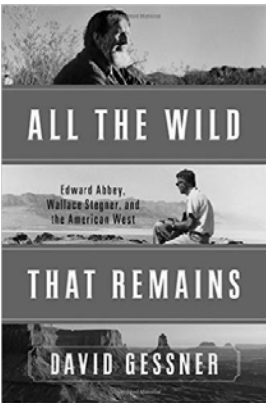
Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown

All The Wild That Remains: Edward Abbey, Wallace Stegner, and the American West by David Gessner

An homage to the West and to two great writers who set the standard for all who celebrate and defend it. Archetypal wild man Edward Abbey and proper, dedicated Wallace Stegner left their footprints all over the western landscape. Now, award-winning nature writer David Gessner follows the ghosts of these two remarkable writer-environmentalists from Stegner's birthplace in Saskatchewan to the site of Abbey's pilgrimages to Arches National Park in Utah, braiding their stories and asking how they speak to the lives of all those who care about the West. These two great westerners had very different ideas about what it meant to love the land and try to care for it, and they did so in distinctly different styles. Boozey, lustful, and irascible, Abbey was best known as the author of the novel The Monkey Wrench Gang (and also of the classic nature memoir Desert Solitaire), famous for spawning the idea of guerrilla actions, known to admirers as “monkeywrenching” and to law enforcement as domestic terrorism, to disrupt commercial exploitation of western lands. By contrast, Stegner, a buttoned-down, disciplined, faithful family man and devoted professor of creative writing, dedicated himself to working through the system to protect western sites such as Dinosaur National Monument in Colorado. In a region beset by droughts and fires, by fracking and drilling, and by an ever-growing population that seems to be in the process of loving the West to death, Gessner asks: how might these two farseeing environmental thinkers have responded to the crisis? Gessner takes us on an inspiring, entertaining journey as he renews his own commitment to cultivating a meaningful relationship with the wild, confronting American overconsumption, and fighting environmental injustice, all while reawakening the thrill of the words of his two great heroes.

Lafayette in the Somewhat United States by Sarah Vowell

From the bestselling author of Assassination Vacation and The Partly Cloudy Patriot, an insightful and unconventional account of George Washington's trusted officer and friend, that swashbuckling teenage French aristocrat the Marquis de Lafayette. Chronicling General Lafayette's years in Washington's army, Vowell reflects on the ideals of the American Revolution versus the reality of the Revolutionary War. Riding shotgun with Lafayette, Vowell swerves from the high-minded debates of Independence Hall to the frozen wasteland of Valley Forge, from bloody battlefields to the Palace of Versailles, bumping into John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Lord Cornwallis, Benjamin Franklin, Marie Antoinette and various kings, Quakers and redcoats along the way. Drawn to the patriots' war out of a lust for glory, Enlightenment ideas and the traditional French hatred for the British, young Lafayette crossed the Atlantic expecting



to join forces with an undivided people, encountering instead fault lines between the Continental Congress and the Continental Army, rebel and loyalist inhabitants, and a conspiracy to fire George Washington, the one man holding together the rickety, seemingly doomed patriot cause. While Vowell's yarn is full of the bickering and infighting that marks the American past—and present—her telling of the Revolution is just as much a story of friendship: between Washington and Lafayette, between the Americans and their French allies and, most of all between Lafayette and the American people. Coinciding with one of the most contentious presidential elections in American history, Vowell lingers over the elderly Lafayette's sentimental return tour of America in 1824, when three fourths of the population of New York City turned out to welcome him ashore. As a Frenchman and the last surviving general of the Continental Army, Lafayette belonged to neither North nor South, to no political party or faction. He was a walking, talking reminder of the sacrifices and bravery of the revolutionary generation and what the founders hoped this country could be. His return was not just a reunion with his beloved Americans it was a reunion for Americans with their own astonishing, singular past. Vowell's narrative look at our somewhat united states is humorous, irreverent and wholly original.

My Brilliant Friend: Neapolitan Novels, Book One by Elena Ferrante

A modern masterpiece from one of Italy's most acclaimed authors, My Brilliant Friend is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila. Ferrante's inimitable style lends itself perfectly to a meticulous portrait of these two women that is also the story of a nation and a touching meditation on the nature of friendship. The story begins in the 1950s, in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples. Growing up on these tough streets the two girls learn to rely on each other ahead of anyone or anything else. As they grow, as their paths repeatedly diverge and converge, Elena and Lila remain best friends whose respective destinies are reflected and refracted in the other. They are likewise the embodiments of a nation undergoing momentous change. Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighborhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between her protagonists, the unforgettable Elena and Lila. Ferrante is the author of three previous works of critically acclaimed fiction: The Days of Abandonment, Troubling Love, and The Lost Daughter. With this novel, the first in a tetralogy, she proves herself to be one of Italy's great storytellers. She has given her readers a masterfully plotted page-turner, abundant and generous in its narrative details and characterizations, that is also a stylish work of literary fiction destined to delight her many fans and win new readers to her fiction. The above from Amazon.com

Jeff's History Corner By Jeff Brown

1. Abraham Lincoln is best known for abolishing slavery and keeping the United States together through the Civil War, but he also helped the country become the scientific and engineering powerhouse we know today. For example, Lincoln signed the Morrill Act in 1862, creating a system of land-grant colleges and universities that revolutionized higher education in the United States, notes famed astrophysicist and science communicator Neil deGrasse Tyson. “Known also as the people's colleges, they were conceived with the idea that they would provide practical knowledge and science in a developing democratic republic.” Notable land-grant institutions include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cornell University, the University of Florida, the Ohio State University, the University of Arizona and the schools in the vast University of California system. Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, also chartered the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in 1863, establishing the august body that advises Congress and the president about science and technology matters to this day. The speech, which Tyson called “The Seedbed,” reflects on the importance of the NAS, and of science generally to the United States and its future. “In this, the twenty-first century, innovations in science and technology form the primary engines of economic growth,” Tyson's speech reads. “While most remember Honest Abe for war and peace, and slavery and freedom, the time

has come to remember him for setting our Nation on a course of scientifically enlightened governance, without which we all may perish from this Earth.”

2. Abraham Lincoln lost five separate elections before being elected president. For Lincoln, electoral successes had to be taken hand-in-hand with failures. Since losing his first race for the Illinois General Assembly in 1832 he had gone on to lose a race for the U.S. Congress, two races for the U.S. Senate, and one campaign for a vice-presidential nomination. His ambition was unchecked, however, and by 1858 he was a national player in the new Republican Party and perhaps its most prominent intellectual voice. He won the 1860 Republican presidential nomination after a tough battle at the national convention, defeating notable opponents William H. Seward, Edward Bates, and Salmon P. Chase, before wading into the four-way general election against Democrat Stephen Douglas, Southern Democrat John Breckinridge, and Constitutional Unionist John Bell. Lincoln and Douglas, rivals from the Lincoln-Douglas senatorial debates of 1858, squared off in the north while Breckinridge and Bell divided the southern states between them. In the end the demographic dominance of the Republican Party gave Lincoln a victory, even though he lost every single southern state by a large margin. By the time he was inaugurated on March 4, 1861, seven southern states had seceded.

Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

CERES' BRIGHT SPOTS SIMILAR TO EPSOM SALT

Dwarf planet Ceres reveals some of its well-kept secrets in a study published in the journal Nature, thanks to new data from NASA's Dawn spacecraft. They include highly anticipated insights about mysterious bright features found all over the dwarf planet's surface and especially in the crater Occator.

Ceres has more than 130 bright areas, and most of them are associated with impact craters. Study authors, led by Andreas Nathues at Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research, Göttingen, Germany, write that the bright material is consistent with a type of magnesium sulfate called hexahydrite. A different type of magnesium sulfate is familiar on Earth as Epsom salt.

Nathues and colleagues, using images from Dawn's framing camera, suggest that these salt-rich areas were left behind when water-ice sublimated in the past. Impacts from asteroids would have unearthed the mixture of ice and salt.

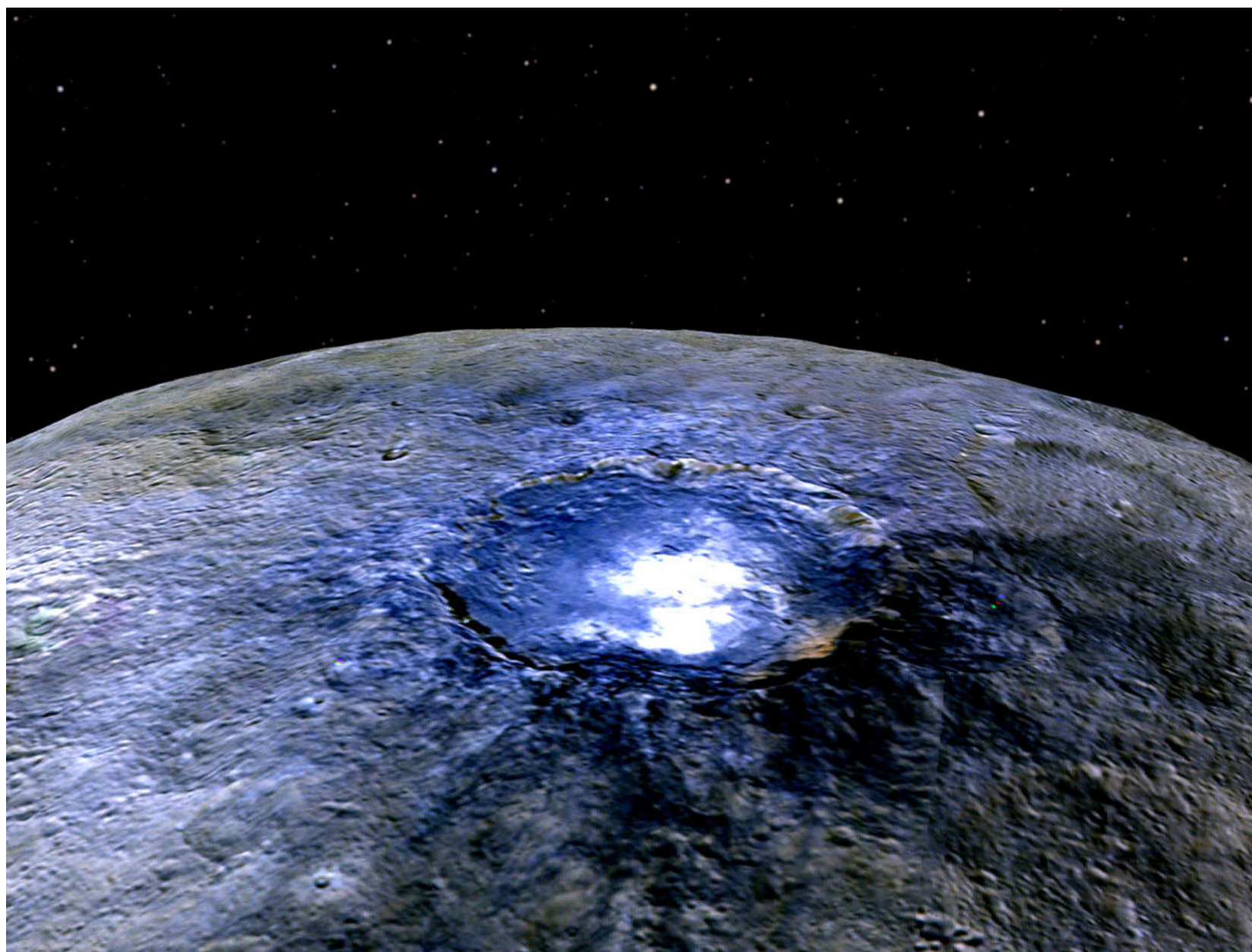
"The global nature of Ceres' bright spots suggests that this world has a subsurface layer that contains briny water-ice," Nathues said.

The surface of Ceres, whose average diameter is 584 miles, is generally dark—similar in brightness to fresh asphalt. The bright patches that pepper the surface represent a large range of brightness, with the brightest areas reflecting about 50 percent of sunlight shining on the area. But there has not been unambiguous detection of water ice on Ceres; higher-resolution data are needed to settle this question.

The inner portion of the crater called Occator contains the brightest material on Ceres. Occator itself is 60 miles in diameter, and its central pit, covered by this bright material, measures about 6 miles wide and 0.3 mile deep. Dark streaks, possibly fractures, traverse the pit. Remnants of a central peak, which was up to 0.3 mile high, can also be seen.

With its sharp rim and walls, and abundant terraces and landslide deposits, Occator appears to be among the youngest features on Ceres. Dawn mission scientists estimate its age to be about 78 million years old.

Study authors write that some views of Occator appear to show a diffuse haze near the surface that fills the floor of the crater. This may be associated with the observations of water vapor at Ceres that were reported by the Herschel space observatory in 2014. The haze seems to be present in views taken at noon local time and absent at dawn



and dusk. This suggests that the phenomenon resembles the activity at the surface of a comet, with water vapor lifting tiny particles of dust and residual ice. Future data and analysis may test this hypothesis and reveal clues about the process causing this activity.

Daytime surface temperatures on Ceres span from minus 136 degrees to minus 28 degrees

Fahrenheit. The maximum temperatures were measured in the equatorial region. The temperatures at and near the equator are generally too high to support ice at the surface for a long time, but data from Dawn's next orbit will reveal more details.

As of this week, Dawn has reached its final orbital altitude at Ceres, about 240 miles from the

surface of the dwarf planet. In mid-December, Dawn will begin taking observations from this orbit—including images at a resolution of 120 feet per pixel; infrared, gamma ray and neutron spectra; and high-resolution gravity data.

You can contact Bob Eklund at: beklund@MtnViewsNews.com.



CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

THE PROBLEM – AND SOLUTION
– OF THE FRONT LAWN

an excerpt from "Extreme Simplicity: Homesteading in the City"

[Nyerges is the author of "Extreme Simplicity," "How to Survive Anywhere," "Foraging California," and other books. For information on his classes and books, contact him at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com, or Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041.]

When we first moved into our home, the front yard was ugly – barren and oily. The previous residents had used the yard to park their cars, an area of about 35 by 15 feet. Just a bit of crabgrass grew around the edges. The inner front yard, which we called the courtyard, was almost as barren, though there were a few trees there.

One of our first improvements, once we had removed bits of old metal, wood scraps, logs, and and old shack, was to very heavily mulch the barren yard and the neglected courtyard areas. Mulch consisted of natural materials such as wood chips, leaves, grass clippings – organic matter that can be spread on the ground to hold in moisture. As the mulch decomposes, it helps to increase the soil's fertility.

While driving home one day, we saw a yard that was covered with fall leaves. We had our rakes and bags with us, so we pulled over and knocked on the door.

"May we rake up your front yard and take the leaves with us?" we asked the elderly man who came to the door.

He was silent for a moment, uncertain what we had said, or perhaps suspicious of our intentions. We repeated the request.

"We'd like to rake up your yard. We don't want to charge you. We just want the leaves to use for mulch."

By now, his wife had come to the door and we had to repeat the request again. They seemed to realize that we were sincere, and agreed.

As we raked, they began to laugh at their good fortune with sheepish smiles – someone had actually knocked on their door requesting to do something for free that they usually had to pay for.

"Take all you want!" the man told us, cheerfully and loudly.

We busied ourselves filling up about four large

trash bags of the yellow leaves, and they watched us from their window with large grins. We laughed to ourselves too, and wondered if they would be telling and re-telling this curious story to their friends and grandchildren.

When we got home, we scattered all those leaves around the needy front and courtyard areas. We knew that we'd have to add more and more organic matter before the soil would be fertile enough to grow plants, so we collected leaves from other sources as well and spread them in our yard.

Neighbors watched our leaf mulch project curiously.

We contacted an acquaintance who runs a tree-pruning service. This man and his crew prunes trees and then chips up the prunings, and when their truck is full of chips, they take it to the local landfill and pay to unload the chips. In response to our invitation, they were happy to bring a load to our place instead and dump it in a huge pile onto our front yard.

The huge pile covered most of the front yard, and the central peak was nearly five feet tall. We knew the pile would get smaller over time as the chips decomposed. In fact, the pile had sunk down about a foot after the first week,

and we spread the chips out on each side so we'd have a mulch that uniformly covered the entire area.

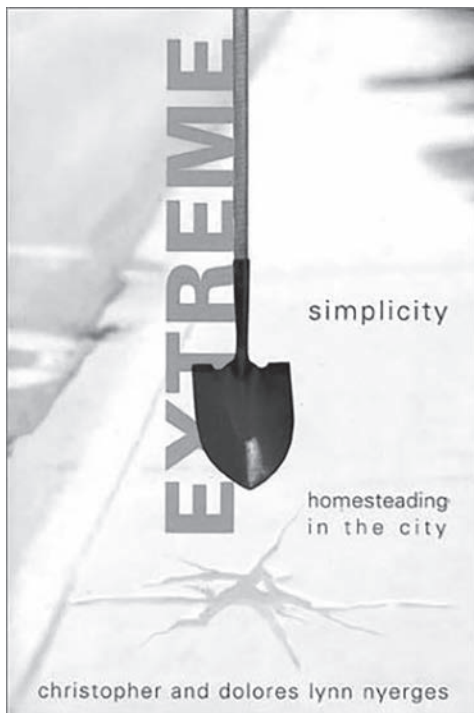
If you've ever been around a big compost pile, you know how it generates lots of heat as the contents decompose. We noticed our pile steaming in about two weeks, and we also watered it to help the decomposition process.

One morning, a neighbor from next door yelled, "Your front yard's on fire!"

We ran out expecting to see flames somewhere but saw only the steaming chip pile. We assured our neighbor that everything was fine.

In two years, after two big truckloads of wood chips, we were able to sink our hand down into the soil in the front yard, and wild plants had begun to grow and thrive.

FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS STORY, get a copy of "Extreme Simplicity: Homesteading in the City" wherever quality books are sold.



PRESENTS A HOLIDAY TEA WITH SANTA



Along with the interactive mystery

"HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

Saturday December 19th 11am & 2:30pm

Call for Reservations 626-355-0045

75 N Baldwin Ave Sierra Madre CA 91024



Find us on:
facebook.

[facebook.com/TheFourSeasonsTeaRoom](https://www.facebook.com/TheFourSeasonsTeaRoom)

REFLEXOLOGY CAN HELP!



Reduce Pain ☞ Promote healing ☞ Stress relief ☞ Improve overall well being



FootsmArts Reflexology

Bs. Lic. #21422

Despina Tsiknas-Arzuoman

Certified Reflexologist

Located in Sierra Madre

(626) 355-3414

By Appointment Only

Visit our website:

www.footsmarts-reflexology.com



Connect with us online at: www.mtnviewsnews.com

Mountain Views News

PUBLISHER/ EDITOR

Susan Henderson

CITY EDITOR

Dean Lee

EAST VALLEY EDITOR

Joan Schmidt

BUSINESS EDITOR

LaQuetta Shamblee

PRODUCTION

Richard Garcia

SALES

Patricia Colonello

626-355-2737

626-818-2698

WEBMASTER

John Avery

CONTRIBUTORS

Chris Leclerc
Bob Eklund
Howard Hays
Paul Carpenter
Kim Clymer-Kelley
Christopher Nyerges
Peter Dills
Dr. Tina Paul
Rich Johnson
Merri Jill Finstrom
Lori Koop
Rev. James Snyder
Tina Paul
Mary Carney
Katie Hopkins
Deanne Davis
Despina Arouzman
Greg Welborn
Renee Quenell
Ben Show
Sean Kayden
Marc Garlett
Pat Birdsall (retired)

Mountain Views News has been adjudicated as a newspaper of General Circulation for the County of Los Angeles in Court Case number GS004724: for the City of Sierra Madre; in Court Case GS005940 and for the City of Monrovia in Court Case No. GS006989 and is published every Saturday at 80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 327, Sierra Madre, California, 91024. All contents are copyrighted and may not be reproduced without the express written consent of the publisher. All rights reserved. All submissions to this newspaper become the property of the Mountain Views News and may be published in part or whole.

Opinions and views expressed by the writers printed in this paper do not necessarily express the views and opinions of the publisher or staff of the Mountain Views News.

Mountain Views News is wholly owned by Grace Lorraine Publications, Inc. and reserves the right to refuse publication of advertisements and other materials submitted for publication.

Letters to the editor and correspondence should be sent to:

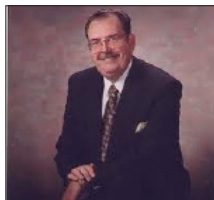
Mountain Views News
80 W. Sierra Madre Bl.
#327
Sierra Madre, Ca.
91024

Phone: 626-355-2737
Fax: 626-609-3285
email:

mtnvnews@aol.com

Mountain Views News Mission Statement

The traditions of community newspapers and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

MY CHRISTMAS “MISS-HER-TOE” CELEBRATION

Making mistakes is not in the resume of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. That was, up until now.

I am not known as Mr. Perfect by any stretch of the imagination. If there is a mistake to be made, I have already made it or it is on my “Bucket List.” I have made a lifetime profession of making mistakes.

Sooner or later, I am going to come to the end of this and stop making mistakes. I suppose I will have to live as long as Methuselah to achieve that goal, and believe me, I do not plan to live that long, only long enough to come to the end of all of my mistakes.

I must say I was making progress until this past week. Actually, it was not my mistake that highlighted the week, which made it remarkable.

My wife does not make mistakes, but this past week she made a blunder of all blunders. Believe me; I am not smiling except on the inside where I am actually laughing hysterically.

It is that time of the year when Christmas decorations magically appear in our very gracious and merry domicile. The procedure along this line is that I am to just stay out of her way. It is amazing what she can do when I am out of her way!

I suppose this year she was a little behind schedule, which is rather unusual for her and she made the blunder of all blunders by asking if I could help bring in the Christmas tree.

I remember the last time I brought in the Christmas tree. At this point, I will not give any details only to say that somebody had to go out, purchase a new Christmas tree and then clean up the mess from the old Christmas tree. Enough said along that line.

Whether my wife forgot about that incident in the busyness of the season or whether she thought I had grown out of that kind of thing.

What most wives do not understand is that every man reaches the height of maturity at the age of 15, if lucky. It does not matter how old a man gets, he is always 15 in heart and mind, particularly mind.

In the beginning of our marriage journey, we had live Christmas trees for Christmas. Through the years it became more prudent to buy an artificial Christmas tree. And so, the artificial Christmas tree was packed away in some corner of the garage.

I say garage, but it is not garage in the typical sense of the word. I am not allowed in the garage without being supervised. Years ago, my wife transformed our garage into her woodworking shop with all of the equipment needed for that kind of work. Since I do not work with woodworking projects, I am not allowed in that area.

When she supervises my visit in her “workshop,” I am not allowed to touch anything. And by

anything, she means, “Don’t touch anything!” She visualizes this instruction by placing both hands on her hips and staring at me with one of “those stares.”

I followed her into that sacred space, “her workshop,” to assist her in taking the Christmas tree into the living room.

All was going very well as we extricated ourselves from her “workshop,” and navigated into the living room. I might mention that the Christmas tree was well packaged in a very heavy box and I had the heaviest end.

Then it happened. I am not sure how it happened, I just know it happened.

For some odd reason the Christmas tree box decided on its own to jump out of my hands and make a dive for the floor. There was a loud crashing sound and a lot of yelling on both sides of the box. I am not quite sure who was yelling louder, my wife or me.

In the midst of it all I heard my wife scream, “Don’t move.”

When all the screaming died down and the dust settled, we were able to examine the damage. For one, the box seemed broken beyond repair. The Christmas tree inside the box did not seem to suffer any damage. That was not the worst of it.

Neither of us moved until we had examined the situation and much to my alarm the box had fallen within one half inch of my wife’s foot. At this moment, I was sweating profusely.

Then I heard her softly, almost whisper, say, “You can be glad it missed my toe.”

I was.

My greatest temptation at the time was to laugh. I mean, really laugh out loud. One glance at my wife informed me that to laugh out loud at this moment was to jeopardize my toe.

Sometimes the best form of valor is to laugh inside without your face knowing you are laughing.

Later that evening as we were sitting around the Christmas tree drinking some eggnog I thought of a verse of Scripture. “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest” (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Tis the season to reflect on all the work that our hands have found to do during the past year. The Christmas tree is just a symbol of working together and it is always the outcome that matters not the process.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnsnyder2@aol.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

CHRISTINE Flowers

DONALD TRUMP, THE ANTI-CHRISTIAN



This week I spent an unseasonably warm evening at church listening to kids sing Christmas songs when I suddenly found myself tearing up. During an inspired rendition of “Do You Hear What I Hear?” I was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude that these children could distract me in their sweet, showy innocence from the meanness and insanity of adults.

For a moment, the pageant cleansed me of the nuclear poison caused by Donald Trump. The past weeks have been difficult ones for people who don’t fit easily into any tidy political category. I certainly don’t.

On the one hand, I hate people who take offense at the drop of a hat. It’s ridiculous to dance around the fact that the massacre in San Bernardino was executed by a radicalized U.S. citizen and his jihadist wife. They were Muslim.

On the other hand, the radiologist who fought mightily to save my father’s life three decades ago and who cried at his funeral was also Muslim.

So are many people I call friends.

So are some arrogant apologists at CAIR.

So are the soldiers on the ground in the Middle East fighting ISIS.

So are most of its victims.

Religion is relevant, then. But it’s not determinative. And the idea that we’re going to applaud someone who thinks you can bar an entire group of believers from the United States is frightening to me.

I’m more afraid of the people at Trump rallies who think he’s an immigration and Constitutional Scholar, and are willing to draw barbed wire in front of a Muslim seeking admission. They parrot talking points they’ve heard on the radio and television, and lack any sense of doubt or humility. They call themselves Americans. I’d call them something else.

I remember seven years ago, when Sarah Palin was being ridiculed by liberals for being stupid. It was beyond offensive, and showed that progressives like to demean the intelligence of their philosophical opponents.

I vowed then that I would never do that. But I will also not ignore that some people, in order to maintain the integrity of their values, will not listen to facts. They will integrate opinion into their arguments, and convince themselves that their beliefs are objectively true.

They will also report poll statistics from polls with which they agree, and ignore the statistics from those that run counter to their preconceptions. You will try and discuss with them, calmly, the issues. They will take offense, and respond with a certitude that stuns, or at least cuts off the conversation.

If you say you can’t exclude an entire group of people based on the way they pray to God, regardless of the deformation of their faith by others, you hear “We’ll Roosevelt did it, with the Japanese.” Actually, Roosevelt interned a lot of people, didn’t exclude them, but he also refused to accept Jewish refugees from the Holocaust, and set up camps for Italian and German Americans as well. This was not based on religion, and this was during wartime, but it is now seen as having been the singular dark mark on an otherwise admirable political life.

This is not an example to bolster the righteousness of Trump’s position.

And still we end up with a low threshold debate about all Muslims being potential terrorists so we have to keep them out. And the buffoon with the hairdo gets standings ovations.

That’s why I had moist eyes at the Christmas concert. Those sweet, high voices were inviting me to listen to the message of grace, of welcome, a Christian message of hope. And all I could feel was gratitude that these babies weren’t yet old enough to hate the stranger more than they loved their neighbor, mixed with regret that they would have to grow up, possibly under a President Trump.

Hence, the tears.

© 2015 Christine Flowers. Flowers is an attorney and a columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News, and can be reached at cflowers1961@gmail.com.

LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



“You know how to make America great again? Tell Donald Trump to go to hell.”
- Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-SC)

Questions getting attention over this past week have been how do we best fight ISIS abroad, and prevent terrorism here at home? I could address them with three words: “I don’t know.”

Sometimes it’s easier knowing what not to do. You shouldn’t, for instance, advance the goals of the enemy – as Donald Trump has been doing. With positions in Syria and Iraq under attack and France, Germany and the U.K. increasingly on the offensive, the problem for the Islamic State has been recruitment. They’ve dealt with unpopularity ranging from 5% approval in Saudi Arabia down to 1% among Sunni Muslims in Lebanon, according to figures out a year ago from the Washington Institute of Near Eastern Studies.

In its online magazine “Dabiq,” Islamic State celebrated the “Charlie Hebdo” attack in Paris early this year for advancing its recruitment strategy; it “eliminated the grayzone” – one of peaceful coexistence between Muslims and those who aren’t. It brought “further division to the world”, leading to a time when “Muslims in the West will soon find themselves between one of two choices; either apostatize” or head on over to the “Islamic State, and thereby escape persecution from the crusader governments and citizens.”

They expressed appreciation for the previous administration and its role in boosting Islamic State’s recruitment; “Bush spoke the truth when he said, ‘Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists.’ I.e. either you are with the crusade or you are with Islam.”

But now, the biggest recruitment booster and most effective propagandist for their cause is Donald Trump. There was his proposal to require Muslims to register in a national database; there was talk of surveillance over and shutting down of mosques; and now declaring “we have no choice” but to ban Muslims from entering the country – including the return of U.S. citizens travelling abroad and, presumably, Muslim members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed overseas.

Most of us are months away from focusing on the presidential race and final decisions. There may be issues we’re concerned about, but Trump’s celebrity buffoonery remains a sideshow.

Elsewhere, it’s different. Throughout Europe, Asia and the Gulf States they’re taking Trump’s words seriously – and with great alarm. They’re alarmed by signs of xenophobic fascism, by the betrayal of values long-exemplified by the United States. They’re alarmed by gifts of such invaluable propaganda given to the Islamic State. Most of all, they’re alarmed that Trump maintains a significant lead for a major party’s nomination to be President of the United States. Here at home, alarm is bipartisan. House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) reminds that “This is not conservatism . . . not what this party stands for. And more importantly, it’s not what this country stands for.” Former V.P. Dick Cheney

said Trump’s proposal “goes against everything we stand for and believe in.” Jeb Bush called Trump “unhinged” (though he joined Ben Carson and Sen. Ted Cruz in suggesting Syrian refugees be limited to Christian-only).

It’s not just politics, values and/or our Constitution. Sen. Graham, quoted above, warns “This helps the enemy. It puts our soldiers and diplomats at risk, it undermines the war effort, and it’s ruining the Republican Party.” Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook points out, “Anything that bolsters ISIL’s narrative and pits the United States against the Muslim faith is certainly not only contrary to our values but contrary to our national security”.

Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson said although he’s tried to stay out of politics, “When a leading candidate for office proposes something that is irresponsible, probably illegal, unconstitutional, and contrary to international law, un-American, and will actually hurt our efforts at homeland security and national security, we have to speak out.”

Deputy White House National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes told CNN, “The fact of the matter is ISIL wants to frame this as a war between the United States and Islam, and if we look like we’re applying religious tests who comes into this country, we’re sending a message that essentially we’re embracing that frame. And that is going to make it very difficult to partner with Muslim communities here in the United States and around the world to prevent this scourge of radicalization that we need to be focused on. We should be making it harder for ISIL to portray this as a war between the United States and Islam, not easier.”

We know what not to do. The harder question is; what do we do?

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of our Constitution, the power is vested in Congress “To declare War”. In France, Germany and the U.K., actions against ISIS were preceded by vigorous debates in their respective parliaments on costs, objectives, strategies, etc. before military action was taken.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest called for Congress to pass an Authorization for Use of Military Force resolution President Obama sent it over a year ago, confirm a counterterrorism financing chief in the Treasury Department, tighten security on the Visa Waiver Program and prevent those on the terrorist watch list from buying guns. He said Congress’ inaction is “wrong, dangerous and falls far short of what the America people deserve” and that it “must stop using the fact that these issues are difficult as an excuse for doing nothing.”

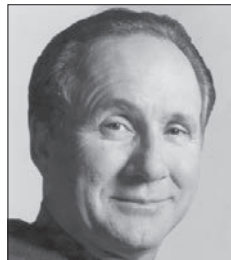
The Republican Congress has managed to take action on its own priorities: taking healthcare away from millions of Americans; enforcing government and employer control over women’s reproductive decisions and protecting would-be terrorists from inconveniences in obtaining firearms and explosives.

It would be reassuring to see congress consider the fight against ISIS abroad and terrorism here at home as priorities, as well – more than just a source for campaign talking points.

But it was nice, anyway, to hear a prominent GOP senator tell a purveyor of ISIS propaganda where to go.

MICHAEL Reagan Making Sense

NO SUCH THING AS A TRUMP REPUBLICAN



“You can’t be a Trump Republican and a Ronald Reagan Republican.”

That’s the tweet I sent to Jeb Bush the other day, when virtually the entire planet was united in bashing Donald Trump’s call for a temporary ban on Muslim immigration to the USA.

I also tweeted another obvious truth, “If the Republican Party doesn’t dump Donald Trump, the American people will.”

Trump’s outrageous “Muslims Keep Out” plan – apparently his policy answer to last week’s terrorist attack in San Bernardino – is an embarrassment to our country and what it stands for.

It’s also a serious threat to the Republican Party, because it’s being used by Hillary, Democrat hacks in Congress and the Big Liberal Media to smear the GOP as the party of bigots and idiots.

Completely shutting down Muslim immigration is the latest – and probably the worst -- idea in a series of awful ideas that Trump throws out whenever he feels he’s not getting enough media attention.

He launched his political career by promising he’d “solve” the immigration problem by rounding up 11 million Hispanics and other illegals and tossing them out of the country.

Now he’s attacking 1.2 billion Muslims. Who will be his next target? Three billion Asians?

Trump is awful – for America and for the Republican Party. But we’ve known that for months.

What bothers me even more than the stupid things the billionaire says, however, are the cheers I hear from the crowds at his packed events.

I know those hardcore Trump Yahoos are not all Republicans or conservatives. But when they go nuts over something as idiotic as Trump’s plan to keep out Muslims, it’s scary to me -- very scary.

Someone needs to tell the Trump Yahoos we’re not in a war against the world’s 1.2 billion Muslims.

We’re in a war against radical Islam and the barbaric terrorists who’ve decided that their 8th Century interpretation of their religion gives them the duty to declare a bloody holy war on Western Civilization.

By the way, most Muslims are at war against the radical Islamists, too, mainly because they’re the ones who are getting killed by ISIS in the biggest numbers.

Many Trump Yahoos are just as confused about what conservatism really is.

If one more person comes up to me and says, “I loved your father and I’m supporting Donald Trump,” I may hit him.

Trump is nothing like my father. My father united people. That’s why he won elections. Trump doesn’t unite anyone but confused white people.

Republicans are always the minority party. The only way we ever win a general election is by bringing people together – Ronald Reagan Democrats and conservative Latinos, blacks, Asians and Muslims.

Yes, there are conservative Muslims. Or at least there were. In 2000, nearly 80 percent of American Muslims voted for George W. Bush.

If the Republican Party nominates Donald Trump, it’s certain that Hillary will become the next president and we’ll all lose.

Trump is in the process of killing what’s left of my father’s GOP. He spends most of his time throwing people off the Republican bus, not inviting them on it.

The GOP has to find a way to stop Trump. It has to nominate a real Republican, a real conservative, who can unite the party around its core principles and show the country that Republicans are nothing like the Donald.

If the Party of Lincoln can’t dump Trump and go back to its conservative roots, by next fall we’ll be hearing my father say from his grave, “I didn’t leave the Republican Party, they left me.”

Copyright ©2015 Michael Reagan. Michael Reagan is the son of President Ronald Reagan, a political consultant, and the author of “The New Reagan Revolution” (St. Martin’s Press). He is the founder of the email service reagan.com and president of The Reagan Legacy Foundation. Visit his websites at www.reagan.com and www.michaelereagan.com. Send comments to Reagan@caglecartoons.com. Follow www.reaganworld.com on Twitter.

Mike’s column is distributed exclusively by Cagle Cartoons newspaper syndicate. For info on using columns contact Sales at sales@cagle.com.

Mountain Views News 80 W Sierra Madre Blvd. No. 327 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024 Office: 626.355.2737 Fax: 626.609.3285 *Email: editor@mtnviewsnews.com Website: www.mtnviewsnews.com*



TOP PRODUCERS 2010 2011
2012 2013 2014



Luther & Georgina Tsingoglou

Real Estate Experts You Can Trust

CalBRE #01135433
CalBRE #01393982

(626) 507-3029 | Luther@Tsinoglou.com | www.tsinoglou.com



PODLEY PROPERTIES' EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

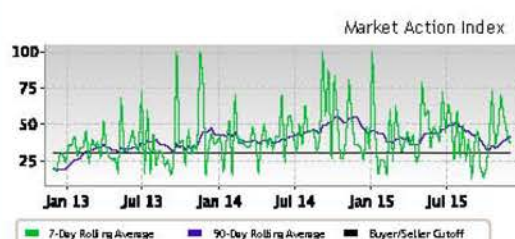
This Week

The median list price in SIERRA MADRE, CA this week is \$1,298,500.

Inventory has been decreasing lately but the Market Action Index is falling also. With days-on-market climbing, these are relatively negative implications for the market.

Supply and Demand

While the Market Action Index shows some strengthening in the last few weeks, prices have not seemed to move from their plateau. Should the upward trend in sales relative to inventory continue, expect prices to resume an upward climb in tandem with the MAI.



The Market Action Index answers the question 'How's the Market?' by measuring the current rate of sale versus the amount of the inventory. Index above 30 implies Seller's Market conditions. Below 30, conditions favor the buyer.

Quartiles

Quartile	Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	
Top/First	\$1,648,250	3396	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.0	5.2	50	4	0	0	128	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$1,370,000	2742	0.25 - 0.50 acre	3.5	3.0	66	4	0	0	79	Upper middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$1,188,000	2327	0.25 - 0.50 acre	3.0	2.0	68	4	0	0	105	Lower middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$799,950	1340	4.501 - 6.500 sqft	2.0	1.0	87	5	0	2	99	Least expensive 25% of properties

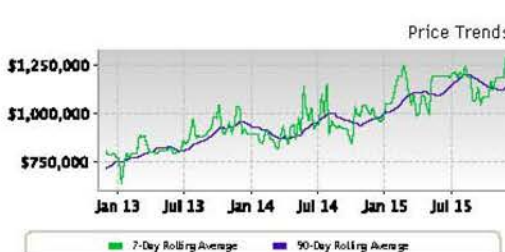
PODLEY PROPERTIES | WWW.PODLEY.COM | 626.795.6262

Real-Time Market Profile		Trend
Median List Price	\$1,298,500	↔
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 598	↔
Average Days on Market (DOM)	103	↑
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	47 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	18 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	6 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	2450	
Median Lot Size	0.25 - 0.50 acre	
Median Number of Bedrooms	3.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	3.0	
Market Action Index - Seller's Advantage	41.4	★

↔ No change ↑ Strong upward trend ↓ Strong downward trend
★ Slight upward trend ★ Slight downward trend

Price

The market appears to be hovering around this plateau. Look for a persistent change in the Market Action Index before we see prices deviate significantly from here.



OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1-4PM



MODERN TOWNHOME IN THE HEART OF ARCADIA

463 FAIRVIEW AVENUE #C
ARCADIA

\$768,000 | 463Fairview-C.com

Modern two-level townhome in the heart of Arcadia. Built in 1998, this three bedroom, two and a half bed bath townhome measures 1,953 sf. Entry area, spacious formal living room, formal dining room, open concept kitchen w/granite counters, ample cabinetry, built-ins and bar-top eating area. Family room w/fireplace and easy access to the private yard. Oversized 2-car garage along with the laundry in the under-ground parking area with easy access from the family room.

Wondering if this is the right time to sell? Contact us today for a **Free Consultation!**

SIERRA MADRE LISTINGS

FOR LEASE:

505 E. Laurel
\$2900

Offering 3 bedrooms,
1.75.5 baths, family
room, and pool.



For Lease



For Lease

FOR LEASE

655 Edgeview
\$3750
Offering 3 bedrooms,
1.75 baths, hardwood
floors, huge lot.

JUDY WEBB-MARTIN

C 626.688.2273 P 626.507.3028
judywm@podley.com

DRE #00504631

KATIE ORTH

C 626.688.0418 P 626.507.3034
katieo@podley.com

DRE #00504500



THE
WEBB-MARTIN
GROUP

I know your area like my own backyard...

Eileen Benson

Sierra Madre Resident for 25 years.

626.278.0187

www.eileenbenson.com

bensoneileen@gmail.com | CalBRE #01880650



JUST LISTED



1966 Roosevelt Ave., Altadena

Price: 1,298,000

Built: 1938 | 3 Bedrooms | 2 1/2 Baths | Plus Guest House with Bath

2,932 Total Sq Ft Measured | Plus Basement | 11,214 Sq Ft Lot

Gorgeous, Private, Meticulously maintained property. Call Eileen for Details

I can get you where you want to be, HOME



MORE **EXPOSURE**
MORE **RESULTS**
MORE **PERSONAL ATTENTION**

©2015 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Each Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office is owned by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. Coldwell Banker® and the Coldwell Banker Logo, Coldwell Banker Previews International® and the Coldwell Banker Previews International Logo, are registered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Broker does not guarantee the accuracy of square footage, lot size or other information concerning the condition or features of property provided by seller or obtained from public records or other sources, and the buyer is advised to independently verify the accuracy of that information through personal inspection and with appropriate professionals.



Free Exam!
For New Clients

Bring this coupon to save

(Expires 12/31/15)

Walter Cailleteau, DVM

927 N. Michillinda Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91107

(626) 351-8863

